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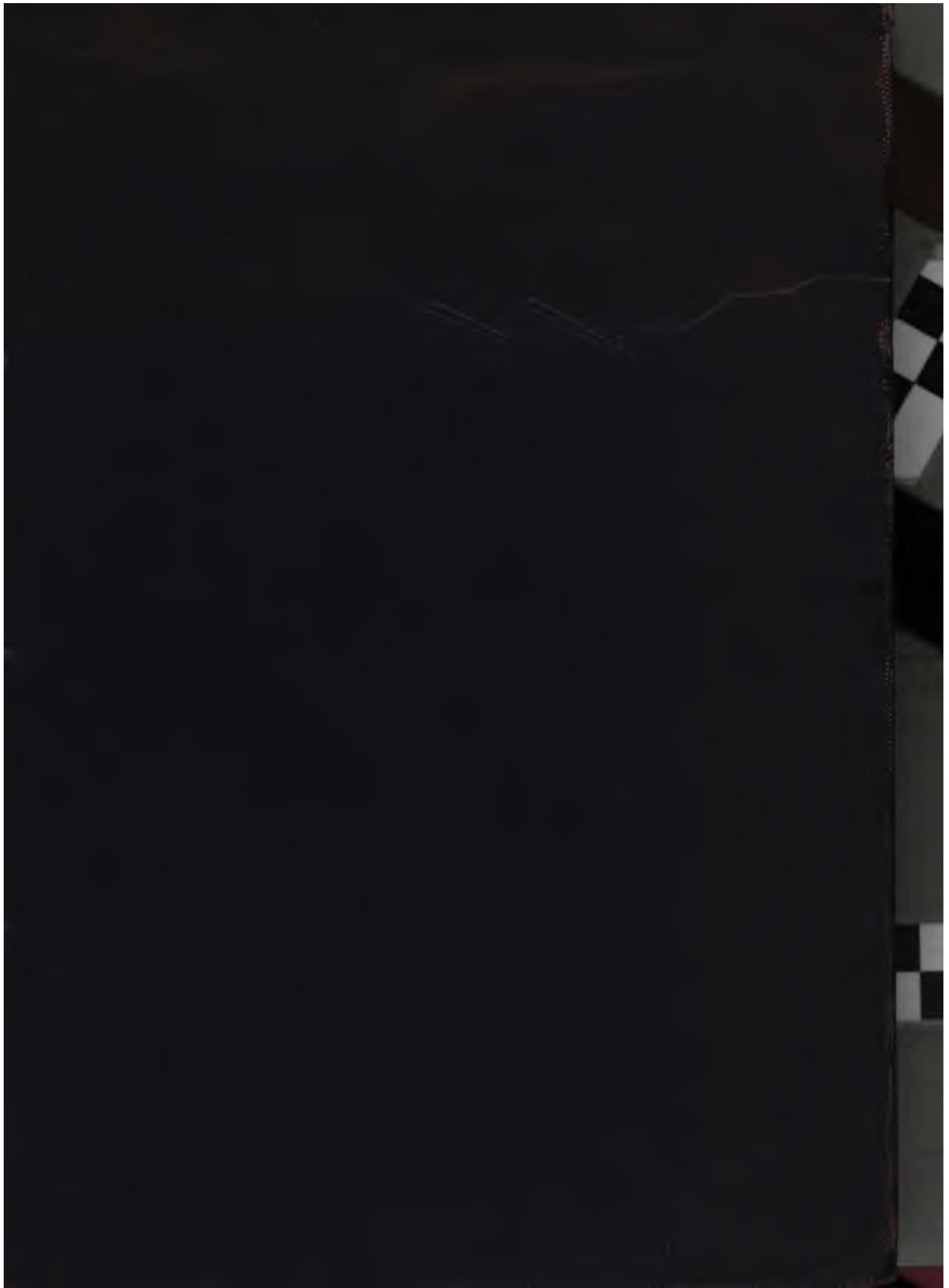
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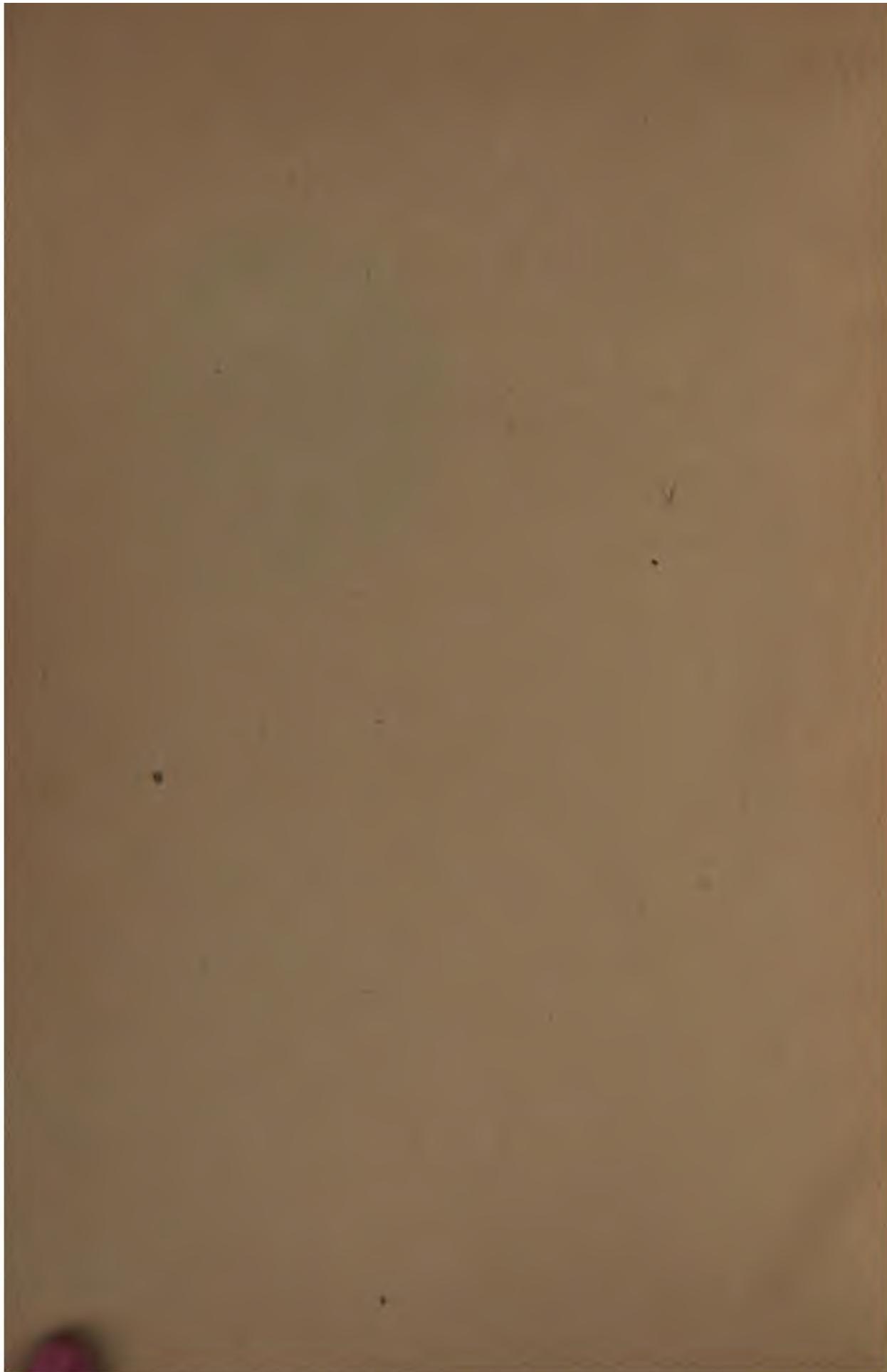
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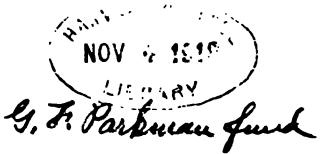
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# NEALES OF BERKELEY YATE AND CORSHAM

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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE following lists of Neales of Berkeley, of Yate, co. Gloucester, and of Corsham, co. Wilts—and of others with whom they have been connected by marriage—have been compiled to serve as a key to the records and charters of the family, particulars of the more important of which records and charters follow thereafter. These records are very numerous and contain information as to persons, events and things which Mr. H. Farnham Burke, of the Heralds' College, has advised would be of interest to a large number of people outside of the Neale family and would help to restore to life some of the past history of many localities as well as of other families which still survive in and about the districts to which the records relate.

It has been found convenient to divide the above lists under 3 separate heads—the first containing Neales previous to their recorded settlement at Yate, covering a period roughly extending from 1100 to 1500, and for particulars of whom recourse has been chiefly had to the Charters and Muniments of Berkeley Castle—the second containing Neales of Yate, covering a period extending roughly from 1500 to the present time, of whom there is a continuous record, and who have throughout that period continuously held lands in that parish, the records of which are still extant; and shewing their connection with the Belsires of Yate, extending over the greater part of the same period, as well as with other families including the Baynhams of Westbury and Cleerwell, co. Gloucester, the Greens of Milton Clivedon, co. Somerset, the Smiths of North Nibley, the Irelands of Bristol, and the Corbets of Yate—and the third containing Neales of Corsham and Shaw, Wilts, covering a period of from about

1700 to the present time (of whom also there are continuous records) and shewing their connection with the Arnolds of Corsham, the Smiths of Froome Zellwood, co. Somerset, and of Shaw, co. Wilts, the Selfes of Beanacre, Melksham, the Webbs of Monckton Farley, the Seymours of Seend, the Ducketts of Calne and Hartham, and the Gawlers of Ramridge, co. Southampton, as well as with numerous other families in the neighbourhood of the above places and elsewhere, including Gibbons of Corsham, Goldstones of London, Jackson-Ducketts of Hartham, Burrards of Walhampton, co. Southampton, Nicholas of Roundway, Winchester and Oxford, Chaloners of Roundway, Harveys and Lovells of Cole Park, Malmesbury, Lucas of Shenfield, Methuens of Melksham, Bradford, and Corsham, Norris of Nonsuch, Hanham of Neston, Somner of Seend, Ker and Bellenden-Ker and others.

With regard to the early Neales of whom mention is made in the Berkeley Castle Charters, it will be seen that they appear as witnesses and parties to numerous important documents of early date under the Latin form of the name without addition of place, and that later on the name appears with the place of settlement. It seems clear, beyond any question or doubt, upon a consideration of a large number of the more important of the above charters as well as of other records, that Nigellus filius Arthuri, who married Aldena daughter of Robert Fitzhardinge and who appears first in the following list, was of the distinguished and powerful family of his name already sometime previously settled at Mowbray in Leicestershire. Frequent mention is made of members of both branches of the family in the Berkeley Charters, and it is interesting to note that both the Fitzhardings and the Nigelli are found at a very early period intimately associated with the Priory Church of St. Mary Overie (now St. Saviour's Church and Southwark Cathedral). In 1106 (7 Hen. I.) the two Norman knights, William Pont de L'Arche and William Dauncey, renewed the foundation there for Canons regular of the Order of St. Augustine. In the same reign Mabel, wife of Nigel de Mowbray, gave to the Priory one virgate of land in Benestede. In the reign of Hen. II. Nigel de Mowbray (D'Albini) gave to the Priory the churches of the Manor of Benestede, of Wudemarsesthorne, of Berges, and of St. Margaret, Southwark, which latter church had previously been

given by Hen. I. by charter to the fraternity. The second Robert Fitzharding, nephew of Nigel fil. Arthuri, married about the year 1190 Juliana de Pont Arche, a descendant, and probably granddaughter, of the founder (cf: Berkeley Castle Charters Nos. 68, 101, 168 and 170, all made about 1200-1220, to which William de Punthdelarch, Pontearche or Pontelarche and Maurice son of Nigel are in each case witnesses together). It would be interesting if it could be shown that St. Mary Overie was renamed St. Saviour's (St. Sauveur) by the new founders and benefactors the Nigelli (D'Albini), to commemorate in the country of their adoption the older foundation in 1048 of the Abbey of St. Sauveur on the Ouve by their ancestor Neale among the green orchards of the Cotentin. In about the year 1207 the Priory was burned: and in a Harleian Manuscript at the British Museum it was recorded (to King John) as follows:—

“ In this yere was the first Maire of London; and Seynt Mary Overeye was that yere begonne.

Henv. Fitz Aldewyne. P'mus Major.	Petrus Duke Thom. Neell.	} Anno x."
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It is not improbable that William Pont de L'Arche (judging from the very prevalent custom of families taking distinctive names from places and offices) was himself a Nigellus; and this theory receives support from the fact that in all the Berkeley Charters in which members of the family of Ponte de L'Arche appear as witnesses, Nigelli are found as witnesses also; and it receives further support also from Thom. Neell appearing apparently as a witness to the above record.

About the year 1350 Joan, daughter of Maurice de Berkeley married Reginald de Cobham; and in 1369 (43 Edward III.) she bequeathed her body to be buried in the Churchyard of St. Mary Overie in Southwark before the church door where the Image of the Blessed Virgin sitteth on high over that door. It will be seen that she was a cotemporary of John Wycliff, the father of English prose, of John Gower, also buried in St. Saviour's, and of Geoffrey Chaucer.

Nigellus, filius Arthuri, it will be seen, was a cotemporary with the above Nigel de Mowbray (D'Albini), and the Berkeley Select Roll (No. 130) shews the descent of Thomas de Mowbray (1366) from the above Nigel D'Albini.

The mention of D'Albinis and de Mowbrays opens up a very interesting chapter. Roger of Montbrai (English Mowbray) in the Cotentin and Geoffrey, Bishop of Coutances, were brothers: and their sister married Roger of Albini.

Geoffrey de Mowbray was consecrated Bishop of Coutances at Rouen 10 April, 1048. He completed his Church, which was consecrated 8 December, 1056, in the presence of Duke William. He (with his brother Roger) accompanied William to England, was present at Hastings, received vast grants of land, interpreted to the Normans at William's coronation at Westminster, and was present at his funeral at Caen. He is supposed to have built the castle and outer walls of Bristol; and he died at Coutances 3 Feb., 1093, in the presence of Odo of Bayeux, William's half brother, leaving some 280 English Manors to his brother Roger's son, Robert de Mowbray.

Robert de Mowbray (first Baron), Earl of Northumberland, raised a rebellion against William Rufus, was captured and imprisoned at Windsor, where after 30 years he is supposed to have died.

After Robert's imprisonment Pope Pascal II. allowed Matilda his wife to marry Nigel de Albini, a relative and probably cousin of Robert, and their son Roger de Mowbray (D'Albini) became the second baron.

Roger (D'Albini) the second Baron had large estates in Leicestershire (Domesday Book, 1085); was a steady supporter of Rufus and Hen. I., the latter of whom invested him with the first Earl's vast estates in England and Normandy.

His son Roger founded numerous monasteries; was a great benefactor of the church; went thrice to the Crusades, was taken prisoner by Saladin; but was redeemed by the Templars.

Nigel, son of the last Roger, succeeded as third Baron; was the great benefactor of the Priory Church of St. Marie Overie (St. Saviour's), Southwark (temp. Hen. II.), and was the cotemporary of Nigellus, son of Arthur, Robert Fitzharding's son-in-law.

Of the same family and also a cotemporary of Nigellus son of Arthur was William de Albini, Earl of Arundel, who married about 1137 Adeliza, widow of Hen. I., by whom he had 7 children. He was one of the witnesses to the final composition between Hen. II. and Stephen: he escorted Henry's daughter into Germany on her marriage with Henry of Saxony: and died at Waverley 12 October, 1176. It is very noticeable that Queen Adeliza, after her marriage with William Albini and some time previous to 1151, granted Berkeley Harness to the Abbey of Reading, where her first husband, King Henry, was buried, thus proving the close connection of the Nigels and Albinis with Berkeley before Robert Fitzharding's settlement there. As will be seen elsewhere this William Albini of the Strong Arm built Castle Rising in Norfolk, overlooking the Wash, some 20 miles as the crow flies from the Abbey of Wymondham (where his father, the Pincerna, lay buried): and it was there that later on the She Wolf of France, her son's prisoner, participator in the Berkeley crime, drew wearily to an end her chequered career, while her worthy successor Philippa, Consort of the English Justinian, was busy with her looms in Norwich and in founding the commercial prosperity of England and at the same time encouraging Eglesfield of pious memory in his work of founding her Royal College at Oxford.

William, son of the last mentioned William de Albini and 2nd Earl, died 1196.

William, his son, 3rd Earl, was a favourite of King John, accompanied him to Runnymede, and became one of his sureties for the faithful observance of the Charter. He went on a crusade: was at the siege of Damietta: and died 1221.

Another William D'Albini and a William de Mowbray were of the 25 Barons to whom the execution of Magna Charta was

committed. This William D'Albini, whom Hume says was the best officer among the confederated barons, was placed by them in charge of Rochester Castle at the head of 140 knights and their retinues, but after a strenuous defence he was compelled by John to surrender, showing that even John was at times a man of mettle to be reckoned with.

Another distinguished Nigellus of these early times, also a cotemporary of Nigel, son of Arthur, was Richard Nigellus, Bishop of Ely. He was nephew of Roger, the great Bishop of Salisbury and the builder of Devizes, Sherborne and Malmesbury Castles, who was himself a nephew of the Bishop of Coutances. He was a pupil of the great Anselm at Laon and became treasurer to Stephen. Being charged with conspiracy he fled the Court and defended his uncle's castle of Devizes against the King. He was witness to the final treaty between Stephen and Duke Henry 6 Nov. 1153: attended Henry's coronation 19 December 1154; became Henry's Chancellor; was present at Becket's consecration 1162, and at the Great Council of Clarendon in 1164; and died at Ely 30 May 1164.

Richard Fitzneale or Fitznigel, otherwise Richard of Ely, Bishop of London, was son of Nigel, Bishop of Ely, whom he succeeded as treasurer of England 1169; was continued as treasurer by Richard I; was loyal to Richard I against John; was a patron of learning and the author of the famous '*Dialogus de Scaccario*'.

The history of the Nigelli of the Cotentin is an interesting one. They were the Chiefs of the earlier Norman or Danish settlers in those parts. Neale Viscount of Countances, son of Roger, in 996 defeated Ethelred (the Unready) at sea when the latter, flushed with his exploits in Cumberland, endeavoured to invade the shores of Brittany. He thereby greatly increased and consolidated his power, and later on joined Alan of Brittany in opposing Robert of Normandy, father of Duke William. His son, Neale of St. Sauveur, in 1048 founded the famous Abbey of that name by his castle on the Ouve, where aforetime his grandfather, Roger, had consecrated a small college of Canons, and worthily upheld his father's prestige: but Duke William was rapidly increasing in power and pushing his

domain Westwards. So in 1047 these two came into fearful conflict at Val ès dunes, and after a gigantic struggle William prevailed. William was, however, not only a great soldier, who could respect a worthy foe, but a born leader of men of preeminent political foresight: and so the two were reconciled the same year: and later on Neale accompanied William to England, among the chief, if not the chief, of his supporters.

Since the above was written the writer's attention has been called by Mr. Burke to "The Early Genealogical History of the House of Arundel" (1882) by John Pym Yeatman, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. It is a large folio volume of very considerable bulk and deals at great length with the families of Albini, Mowbray, the Viscounts of St. Sauveur and Bayeux, Bishop Geoffrey of Coutances and others: and innumerable Charters and facts are adduced to show that the Albinis and Mowbrays are the descendants of the Viscounts of St. Sauveur, who in place of their surname of Nigellus used and were known also by various local and other names and titles, such as Albini (denoting their settlement in England), Pincerna (the wine-bearers), Botiler, Belers, Busli, Brito (denoting their settlement in Brittany), d'Ivri, d'Oilli and Bosco Rohardi. Those who are interested in such questions of genealogy are referred to some extracts from Mr. Yeatman's work given in Appendix A.

To return to the Neales of Berkeley—their connection with Robert Fitzharding (the founder of the Abbey of St. Augustine at Bristol and the builder of Berkeley Castle) and with the descendants of the said Robert down to the marriage of Maud Nigellus with William, brother of Maurice the 5th Lord, is shewn in the List which follows.

Henry, Duke of Normandy, mentioned in the grant and the marriage contract of 1153 (see list) succeeded to the English Throne as Henry II. in the following year. Some 8 years later we find him opposing the dangerous pretensions of Becket, which struggle led to the enactment (1164) of the famous and important constitutions of Clarendon. Shortly afterwards we find Henry and Pope Adrian IV. (the Englishman Breakspear) making use the one of

the other for their several purposes over the subjugation of Ireland (1170). In connection with Becket it is interesting to note that in 1158, when Henry's Chancellor and before his elevation to the see of Canterbury, he was witness to the Grant (charter 8) by the King to Robert Fitzharding, brother of Aldena, of the whole vill of Malmesbury with the Castle, lands and hundred in consideration of 100 marks and an annual rent of thirteen pounds ten shillings.

The first two select charters at Berkeley Castle contain the grants from Henry Duke of Normandy to Rodbert Fitzharding, the father of Aldena, and his heirs of Bitton and Berkeley, with a free market any day of the week they might prefer, and a mint with their own minter. This also was in 1153, before Henry succeeded to the Crown; and it illustrates the plans of that most astute prince for securing the throne in his own line on the demise of Stephen.

The memory of the blessed Martyr of Canterbury would ever remain fresh in the minds of the devout men of those early times, not less at Bristol, Gloucester and Berkeley than elsewhere: and it is reasonable to suppose that through the influence of the Berkeleys (combined with the powerful influence of his own family connections in other parts) John Neell, the celebrated Master of the House of St. Thomas de Acon (St. Thomas à Becket of Acre), obtained later on in the reign of Hen. VI. his appointment as head of that Brotherhood, so intimately connected with the Knights Templar. James le Botiller, Earl of Ormond, mentioned in the power of attorney and in the feoffment by John Neell to the same James le Botiller (see List) was descended from the 'Butler' who accompanied Hen. II. into Ireland and upon whom Henry conferred that surname. The families of Berkeley and Butler were connected; and it is probable that the above Earl's influence would therefore be exerted with that of the Berkeleys on behalf of Friar John Neell.

The grant by Galfridus Nel of Swanhunger to Walter Walencis de Piriton (temp. Edward II.) of certain lands in consideration of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  marks, Walencis [Valence] yielding and paying one rose at the birth of St. John the Baptist for all services, wards, reliefs, heriots, escheats, aids, demands, &c., is interesting, having

regard to the history of the rose in the times that followed; and so is the name Isolda, or Yseult, Neel, the grandfather of John, the son of John and Issabella Neel mentioned in the deed of entail, dated 1357 (30 Edward III.). The family of Yseult, it will be seen, were living at Berkeley at the time the hideous crime of Maltravers was perpetrated within the Castle Keep, and it is more than likely that Geoffrey Nel of Swanhunger [Saniger] and Geoffrey his son, and Isolda himself with his son John, joined in the weird procession of the dead King's body to Gloucester.

The most distinguished of the early Neales of Berkeley is perhaps Friar John Neell (already referred to), the Master of the House of St. Thomas of Acon (St. Thomas à Becket of Acre) from 1428-1463, which hospital upon the dissolution of monastic foundations by Henry VIII. passed into the hands of the Mercers' Company. He obtained an Act for the incorporation of the Hospital in 1444 and he was one of the founders of the new Grammar Schools in London in 1447 (see Sir John Watney's History of the Company). This John Neell was no doubt well acquainted with Bishop Waynflete and with Master John Nele, Waynflete's executor, as well as with William Neale of Merton, mentioned in the following list under the head of 'Miscellaneous Records.'

In connection with the above deed of entail of 1357 it is interesting to note that Waneswelle, or Wanswell Court, which is a short distance only from the town and Castle of Berkeley, was formerly a very important stronghold, in some striking particulars surpassing even the Castle in interest, being enclosed within a moat of remarkable dimensions and size. What was the early history of Wanswell Court is not known to the writer; but the hall with its vaulted and timbered roof is still in a tolerable state of preservation and is of great antiquity and beauty, vying almost with that of the palace of King John at Eltham. The Nigelli were probably settled there at a very early date; and it will be seen that John Neale, the eldest representative of the family at Yate, was settled there at the time of his death as late as 1842.

A short walk from Wanswell brings you to the Oldminster Fishery; and the writer is credited by some with being the only person known to have crossed the Severn at low water on foot at that point.

Among many other interesting names also appearing in the list of Berkeley Castle Charters which follows may be mentioned Eustace the Chamberlain, William Brito, Eudo de Sancto Salvatore and Ralph Pincerna.

A short list of other early Neales follows the list of those mentioned in the Berkeley Charters. The two firstly named were co-temporary with the above John Neell of St. Thomas' Hospital and were distinguished at Winchester and Merton; and there is little doubt all are members of the family, though the connection has not been clearly established, with the exception perhaps of John Neale, the Rector of Exeter Coll: Oxford. John of St. Mary of the Valleys with the Chapel of Wyke and William of Merton were also co-temporaries of William Grocyn of Colerne, whom Hallam calls the patriarch of English learning, and who became a Scholar at Winchester in 1463, taught Greek in Exeter Coll: Oxford in 1491, numbering among his pupils Sir Thomas More and perhaps also Erasmus, of whom Hallam says he knew nothing of Hebrew.

Of the Neales of Yate William and Edith his wife are the first recorded members. A surrender to them and their children Robert and Agnes was made 22 April, 1533 (25 Hen. VIII.) of a messuage in the Manor of Yate with the first harvest of meadow lying in the Common fields in Northmeade and in Wetemeade, John Panter being Steward of the Court (Augmentation Office Rentals and Surveys, Manor of Yate, co. Gloucester).

In 1530, 1538 and 1544 grants of land in the same manor were made to their grandson Thomas, his wife Elizabeth (Belsire) and their children Edith and Alexander.

Robard Nealle of Yate, son of William and Edith, made his will 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1544. He bequeathed his sowll to Almighty God, to his blessyd Mother our lady Saynt Mare and to all the Wolly

Company of hevyn and gave to the Cathedrall Church - $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to the hyeaulter of Yate 4d. to all Sowls lyght 7d. and to the reparation of the bells 12d.

In 1576 Alexander Neale, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, paid William Stump and Mary his wife 160 marks of silver for 2 messuages, gardens, orchards and 124 acres of land in Hawkesbury, Shipton Moyne and Shipton Dovell.

On 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1584 Thomas Neale, the father of the above Alexander and Thomas (the Divine), made his Will. He gave to Thomas his sonne all the Waynescote glasse table bords, binches, formes, portalls, standinge bedsteads and all other the bedsteads in his dwellinge howse and also two shelfs in the chamber that the sayd Thoms his sonne 'now useth to lye in' (and on which shelfs no doubt his books were kept). He gave to his sonne Alexander all his lands in fee simple within the severall Lordships of Wickwar, Barkley or elsewhere, on condition of his permitting the said Elizabeth, his wife, to enjoy Fryren Closes for her life, and making and delivering to the sayd Thomas Neale and Thomas and William his sons 'by good assurance to be devised by Counsell learned in the lawes one good Indenture of lease' of the aforesaid Fryren Closes with appurts to enjoy the same for their lives and the life of the longest lived of them and after the decease of the said Elizabeth. (*See Appendix B. p. 161.*)

On 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1586, Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas Neale the Elder, made her will, and after several bequests gave the residue to her son Thomas Neale and ordained him her sole Executor, Henry Baynham with others being a witness.

In the following year the said Thomas Neale (the Divine) purchased for 200 marks of silver 3 messuages, &c., with 320 acres of land in Wickwar, Oldbury and Cromehall. Further particulars of these lands and of this Thomas Neale will be given later on when treating of the Manor of Wixoldbury and the records relating thereto.

On 17 July, 1591, Alexander the brother of the said Thomas made his will. He gave to his son Thomas and his heirs male the lands, tenements and hereditaments in Wickwar parish known as the

Grange and the other named Fryin Closes; to his son Christopher and his heirs male his hereditaments in Cromhall called Cromhall Mylls, he to receive £100 from Henry in consideration of his lands in Hawkesbury assured to that son; in consideration of his Manor of Weston Birt assured to his son Samuell he directed him to pay £200 in various sums to his sons Thomas, Robert and Christopher, and to his executor; and he gave 'to the poore people of ye pishe of Yate £40 equally to be distributed': and he gave the residue to Dorothye his wife and Robert his son. (*See Appendix B. p. 163.*)

In 1596 Thomas Estcourte the Elder, Esquire (of Winchester Coll.), Emma, his wife, and Thomas Estcourte the Younger, Gentleman, in consideration of £100 sold to Michael Neale, 2 messuages with 3 gardens, 3 orchards, &c., and 96 acres of land in Old Sodbury and Combesende.

Thomas Neale of Berkeley, Tanner (cf: Berkeley Castle Select Rolls, No. 54), son of the above Alexander and Dorothye, made his Will 8 November, 1612. He gave to his wife Margrett a sum of money (to be void if she claim the third of his lands) and plate, 'my stonner Jugge coloured with silver and gilte, her bed which she brought with her, all such sheets and blanketts belonging to that Bede as pillows and pillow boards, also my second Arras coverlid, also the Boxe, and Cheste in my beede Chamber, my litel mare, my brasse panne that her Mother gave and the new Caldron which was bought laste at Barkley Fayre, also one of the mayde bedes with all the furniture belonginge unto hime, also the andle poote and spitte'; to his daughter Saray to hundred markes to be payde at her marriage so that she may with the consent of my Overseers or at her age of twenty and on years, also a reasonable good bede with all that belongeth to a bede; to his grandson Thomas, son of Alexander and the heirs of his body 6 houses at Berkeley (specified) and at Stoke; to his son Alexander all his other lands and leases to him and his heirs for ever, allowing his wife £20 a year for jointure; to the poore of Barkley £3; to the poore of Wickwar 18<sup>s</sup>; to the poore of Yate 10<sup>s</sup>; to the poor of Engleworth 5<sup>s</sup>; to the poor of Dursley 5<sup>s</sup>; to his brother Samuell 'my cloke that I do commonly weare my best Doublett Cloke and Jerkin'; to each of four daughters a silver

and gilt tunn or goblet; to son Thomas a little salte of silver; various sums to his 9 men servants and his maidservants; all the rest of his goods Cattell plate and household stufte to his son Alexander, whom he made his full whole Executor, and he appointed Henry Neall his brother and William Fernley his brother-in-law to be his overseers of his Will, and gave them 10<sup>d</sup> a peace for their paynes—the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November in the yeare of the rayne of or Soveraigne Lord James by the Grace of God of England, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith the 10<sup>th</sup> and of Scotland the six and fortithe, 1612.

It is interesting, in connection with the contents and language of this will, to note that Thomas Neale, the Tanner of Berkeley, and his brothers, Christopher of Cromhall, Henry of Hawkesbury and Samuel of Weston Birt, were as nearly as possible cotemporary with Shakespeare and Cervantes. All 4 brothers must have been born about 1545-1560. Cervantes was born in 1547, and Shakespeare in 1564; and both died in April 1616 within 10 days of each other. ‘Don Quixote’ was translated and published in London in 1612, the date of Thomas the Tanner’s Will; and Shakespeare’s authorship terminated in the same year.

The Will of this Thomas Neale is set out in full in Appendix B (p. 164) because of its striking resemblance to Shakespeare’s Will in so many respects, viz.:—its commencement; the reference to his good and perfect memory; the commanding his Sowle unto God his maker and preserver, to Jesus Christ his only Redeemer, and to God the Holy Goste his Comforter; the gift to his daughter Saray for marriage portion, so like the gift to Judith, Shakespeare’s daughter; the gift of wearing apparel, plate, Jugge covered with silver and gilt (cf : Shakespeare’s broad silver and gilt bowl); beds to wife and others, and household stufte; gifts to the poore; and the manner of dating the Will.

Thomas Neale, of the little salte of silver, son of Thomas the Tanner and Margaret Fernley, married Miss Baynham of the house of Westbury and Cleerwell, co. Gloucester. This worthy couple were married about 15 James I., and they had two sons

Robert and John. Robert the Elder was the first of the branch of five generations of Robert Neales, the third of which settled at Corsham, Wilts, about the year 1700. John the Younger was the first of the branch of five generations which continued to live at Yate, all of whom (with the exception of the fourth, Benjamin) were John Neales. The fifth Neale of the Yate branch was John Neale of Yate and of Wanswell Court, Berkeley, who married Nancy Corbett of Yate; and his grandson in 1855 succeeded as tenant in tail to the Corsham property upon the death without issue of Dame Grace Elizabeth Neale, granddaughter of the fourth Robert Neale of the elder branch and under the entail created by him in 1774.

To return.—The first Robert Neale of the Elder branch married (about 1650) Priscilla Green of the family of that name of Milton, Clevedon, co. Somerset: and on 5 November, 1677, he purchased of Richard Beckford, Esquire, in fee simple, Neale's Tenement and land, of which his wife Priscilla had been the Copyhold tenant since 6 July, 1653.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Neale married in 1681 Martha Smith of Newton Forthampton, a daughter of John Smith who had been an officer in the Parliament army; purchased Wixisbury (where one Jasper More dwelt) of Francis Rogers and Hannah his wife; was of the Society of Friends; spent a large sum in contesting with Mr. Mason, the then parson of Yate, the payment and manner of payment of tithe on Neale's Tenement; and was buried in the Friends' Burial Place at Chipping Sodbury about 1703. He left Neale's Tenement and his other lands to his son Robert, and Wixisbury to his daughter Elizabeth.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Neale in 1708 (then of Corsham, Clothier) settled Neale's Tenement and land upon himself, his wife Sarah (Arnold) and their heirs, William Arnold being trustee for the wife and Richard Belsire of Yate for him. On 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1729, Robert Neale and his wife agreed to sell this settled property to Sir William Codrington of Dodington, Bart. The proceeds were spent on the building of the Mansion House, Corsham, which on 22 October, 1729, was settled upon Robert Neale, his wife and son in lieu of Neale's Tenement and land at Yate.

Elizabeth Neale, the sister of this Robert (whose portrait is at Shaw House) married Charles Ireland of Bristol. By her will of 30 July, 1735, she devised Wixoldbury to her sons, Charles Ireland and Harry Ireland, with a wish that the estate should go to her nephew Robert Neale, if they should die without issue. On 14 June, 1739, Charles Ireland, the surviving brother, settled the Mansion House or scite of the Manor of Wixoldbury and lands on his cousin Robert Neale of Corsham his heirs and assigns in consideration of love and affection "and the rather in regard to it being an antient "estate in the name and family of the ancestors of the said Robert "Neale . . . in which said Manor one Alexander was seized in his "demesne as of fee simple in or about the 40<sup>th</sup> year of Queen "Elizabeth." This Charles Ireland died unmarried and without issue in 1739-40 and is buried in St. Peter's Church, Bristol. In 1742 the same Robert Neale of Corsham purchased Brooks (part of Great Inlands) and added it to Wixoldbury. Further particulars of the Robert Neales of Corsham will be given later on when treating of the Corsham records.

The first John Neale of the younger branch at Yate and Mary his widow in 1684 and in 1690 sold to the above 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Neale certain lands at Yate lately purchased by John Neale of Richard Beckford, Esquire, which lands were added to Robert Neale's tenement at Yate. In 1738 there is a strict settlement by the 3<sup>rd</sup> John Neale of John Neale's Tenement at Yate and 80 acres with common of Pasture and Common of Estovers upon himself, William, his only son and heir by his first wife, and Michael Neale, only son of the said William, and their heirs. William the son, of whose issue there was a total failure, died intestate; and thereupon Benjamin Neale, son of John by his second wife Sarah Batten, became heir to his father, who also died intestate: and John Neale's Tenement became the property of Benjamin Neale and continued in the possession of the family at any rate until the year 1818.

John, the son of Benjamin, married Nancy Corbet of Yate; and their son, John Corbett Neale, the writer's grandfather, married his cousin Tryphena Corbett, only daughter of Jonathan Corbett of Yate. His was a very ancient family in Gloucestershire. William

Corbet was lord of Tederington (Titherington) 9 Edward I.; and Roger Corbet was seized of it in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> years of the same reign. William son of Robert purchased a charter of free Warren in Titherington, 33 Edward I. Roger Corbet was also seized of lands in Bertune (Barton) by Bristol, 18 Edward I.: and William Corbet was seized of 14 acres of land there, 2 Richard II.

The Manors of Alveston and Urcot were settled (temp. Edward III.) by Walter Fitz-Warren on Peter Corbet of Siston, who had married his daughter. These Manors thus came to Margaret Corbet, daughter and co-heiress of Peter Corbet. She married Sir Gilbert Dennis and settled these Manors on her husband, whereby they came into the family of Dennis. Roger de Berchelai appears as the holder of the Manor of Siston in 'Domesday.' Sir Robert Atkins in his 'Gloucestershire' says of the family of Dennis that there had been more high sheriffs of it than of any other.

Roger Corbet had a grant of free warren in Ebberton and Coate, 6 Edward III.: and Sir Robert Corbet died seised of Ebberton and Hidcote, 2 Hen. IV.

Jonathan Corbett Neale, fourth son of John Corbett and Tryphena Neale, married Leila Eveleen, only daughter of William Rawlinson Atkinson, grandson of William Rawlinson of Ancoats Hall, co. Lancaster, and first cousin of the Revd. John Seton-Karr of Kippilaw, Vicar of Berkeley, who married Anna daughter of Archibald Douglas of Glenfinart.

Having now traced the line of Alexander Neale the son of Thomas Neale (living 1530) and Elizabeth (Belsire) his wife through their connection with the parish of Yate to recent times—we return now to Thomas Neale (the Divine) brother of the said Alexander and to the records relating to the Manor of Wixoldbury purchased by him, as already mentioned in 1587 (29 and 30 Elizabeth). This Thomas Neale was born at Yate Court in 1519 (the year of the death of Grocyn and of the birth of Sir Thos. Gresham). His father, Thomas Neale of Wickwar and Barkley, was a man of considerable wealth and position for the times in which he lived, as is evident by the gifts of lands

and moneys contained in his will : and as already pointed out he was the owner not only of lands at Barkley but also of Fryren Closes (adjoining Wixoldbury and near Yate Court) as well as of other lands and tenements in Wickwar and Yate. His mother Elizabeth was also of good station in life, being a sister of Alexander Belsire, then Fellow of New College, Oxford. In 1489 William, Lord Berkeley, upon being created Marquis of Berkeley by Henry VII., entailed Berkeley Castle and the whole of the family estates upon the King, reserving only a life interest to himself : and upon his death in 1491 the King took possession. The Berkeleys, thus being ousted from their ancient patrimony, had to travel afield for a new home. In 1523 Sir Maurice Berkeley, knight, accordingly took Yate Park on lease from Henry Lord Daubigny for the life of himself and wife and for a term of 80 years after the survivor of them ; but it would appear from the accounts of payments and expenses at Yate, kept among the muniments of Berkeley Castle, that a new house was being built for Sir Maurice' occupation in 1519. Thomas Neale, the father, might therefore in that year have been in the occupation of the Old Manor House or Mansion at Yate Court, either as the tenant of Lord Daubigny or in some fiduciary way on Sir Maurice Berkeley's behalf, he having at the same time lands of his own in the immediate neighbourhood as well also as at Berkeley. In 1520 Sir Maurice Berkeley was settled at Yate Court and was upon his death in 1523 succeeded there by his brother, Thomas Lord Berkeley, who died in 1533 and who was first of all buried (in accordance with the directions in his will) in the parish church of Mangotsfield, being afterwards exhumed and reburied by his wife's side in St. Augustine's, Bristol, founded by his ancestor Robert Fitzharding. The Berkeleys continued to live at Yate Court for a period of 45 years in all until 1565, when Henry Lord Berkeley sold his lease to his brother-in-law Sir Nicholas Poynz.

Thomas Neale proceeded to Winchester College as a scholar in 1531 at the age of 12, from thence he proceeded to New Coll. Oxford, where he was elected fellow in 1540. In Mary's reign he was Chaplain to Bishop Bonner and rector of Thenford, Northants, but on Elizabeth's accession he came back to Oxford, and from 1559-1569 held the Hebrew Professorship at Christ Church, residing in 1568 at Hart Hall.

In 1566 Elizabeth visited Oxford with Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, who was then residing at Kenelworth and was Chancellor of the University. Thomas Neale, in conjunction with John Bereblock of Exeter College, had prepared for the occasion a large map or set of views of the Colleges with Latin verses under each which was posted on the walls or gate of St. Mary's Church, and the details of which Thomas Neale explained to the Queen, at the same time delivering himself of a Hebrew speech congratulating her Majesty on the occasion. The map remained hung up for several days, and was more than once noticed by the Queen. A careful copy, probably the M.S., now in the Bodleian Library, was made by Neale, but the map itself was lost sight of till it, or a very similar one, was presented to St. John's College. It is not known if this relic of Elizabethan Oxford survived the Civil War. An English translation of Neale's Hebrew address to the Queen is given in Appendix C (p. 165).

It is interesting to note that when the Queen visited Cambridge in 1564 and the public orator enlarged upon her Majesty's praises, she often shook her head and bit her lips, and sometimes broke out in these expressions 'non est veritas' and 'utinam'; but when he praised virginity, she commended the orator and exclaimed, "God's blessing of thyne heart; there continue."

Neale built himself a lodging opposite Hart Hall, which was long known as Neale's House. It has been alleged that he was the inventor of the story of the consecration of Archbishop Matthew Parker to the see of Canterbury at the Nag's Head in Cheapside; but the whole story is now received to be a forgery.

Winchester can not only lay claim to number among her alumni the famous Greek scholar Grocyn, but she can also claim to have sent out in Thomas Neale the first English scholar who mastered all three tongues and read without other aid the Old and New Testaments in the original, as well also as the Septuagint of Ptolemy Philadelphus and the Vulgate of Jerome. He translated into Latin the commentaries of Rabbi David Kimchi upon the twelve Minor Prophets. Of these the first nine were presented by him to Queen Elizabeth in 1566, the remaining three having been already

dedicated to Cardinal Pole. These last were printed in Paris 1557, and a copy is preserved in the British Museum. The dedication was dated in Paris, 1 March, 1556, and in it he praises Pole for his services to the restoration of religion, and he says he undertook the work chiefly at the solicitation of his friend, Jean Mercier, Regius Professor of Hebrew at Paris. The dedication ends thus:—"Vale Lutetiae Parisiorum, Calendis Martiis, 1556. Thomas Nelus." Cardinal Pole was elected Chancellor of the University of Oxford on the following 25 June, 1556. The above Latin translations were a few years since completely unknown in Paris and in France. The University of Paris was suppressed by a decree of the 'Convention' on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1794; but it was reconstituted under the title of the Academy of Paris by Napoleon I. (Law of 10 May, 1806). Mr. Philippe Berger (Faculty of Protestant Divinity) is (or recently was) the true successor of Jean Mercier, former Professor of Hebrew in the University of Paris. The only known works of Jean Mercier are (1) 'Tabulæ in Grammaticam Linguæ Chaldæ.'—Paris (no date). (2) 'Liber de Accentibus Scripturæ Autore . . . . Juda . . . . Editus Opera Merceri.'—Paris 1565 (National Library and Library Magazine).

Wood in his *Athenœ* speaking of this Thomas Neale says:—  
"As he was accounted by many an eminent theologian and linguist, so  
"by some a tolerable philosopher, poet and geographer . . . when he  
"died or where, the Register of Cassington, which is very imperfect,  
"where he lived some years, tells us not. The copy of the inscription  
"is printed in *Hist. Antiq. Univ. Oxon. Lib. 2. p. 139*. One Thomas  
"Neale of Yeate in Gloucestershire (where our author was born) dying  
"in 1590, his widow, named Christiana, had a commission granted to  
"her to administer the goods, debts and chattels of him the said  
"Thomas Neale, lately deceased, dated 23 September the same year.  
"Whether it be meant of our author I cannot justly say, because I  
"could never learn that he was ever married." This doubt was some  
years since conclusively disposed of by the writer. The reasons for  
secrecy in such matters in those times is a matter of History.  
Elizabeth had and expressed the greatest aversion to the marriage of  
the clergy: and in August 1561 she put forth an injunction that no  
member of a College or Cathedral should have his wife living within

its precincts under pain of forfeiting all his preferments: and Parker expressed, in a letter at the time, his horror to hear such words as she then spake concerning God's Holy Ordinance and institution of matrimony. Even in the preamble to the Act of Edward VI., allowing the practise of the marriage of priests, the practise was treated as an ignominious and intolerable evil. This enforced secrecy probably accounts for the obscurity which surrounds the birth of some Churchmen such as Richard Neale, Archbishop of York. He is stated to have been born of obscure parents in Westminster, and apparently little or nothing was known about them. He is believed by some competent authorities however to have been the son of the above Thomas Neale, the Divine. His birth in King Street, Westminster in 1562 would fit in entirely as to time; and his future career as well as his connection with Laud and St. John's College, Oxford, and his incorporation there in 1600 some 9 years after the death of Thomas Neale, tend to the same conclusion, as also do the Armorial Bearings registered by him, which resemble in a striking manner the Armorial Bearings of the Neales of Yate.

This Richard Neale was educated at Westminster School. He was sent by Mildred, lady Burleigh, wife of the lord treasurer, to St. John's College, Cambridge, and was admitted a scholar in April, 1580. He continued to enjoy the patronage of the Burleigh family, resided in their household and became Chaplain to Lord Burleigh and afterwards to his son, Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury. He became D.D. in 1600. He preached before Queen Elizabeth, who was much taken with him. He became Vicar of Cheshunt, and was installed Dean of Westminster on the memorable 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1605. While at Westminster he took great interest in the progress of the school and yearly sent two or three scholars to the Universities at his own cost. In 1608 he became bishop of Rochester. In August he appointed Laud his Chaplain: it was by his introduction that Laud first preached before the King: and his influence procured Laud's election to the presidency of St. John's Coll. Oxford. In 1610 he became bishop of Lichfield and Coventry: and at this period he was deputed by King James to preside once more in the Abbey of Westminster over the re-interment of the King's mother, Mary Queen

of Scots, on the removal of her remains from Peterborough Cathedral to Hen. VII.'s Chapel. In 1614 he was translated to Lincoln. In 1617 he was translated to Durham, where in a very short space of time he greatly adorned and beautified the palaces and houses of the Bishopric: and he spent much time at Durham House in the Strand, which was commonly spoken of as Durham College because of the learned men whom he provided with quarters there. He attended the trial of Bacon and spoke against depriving the fallen Chancellor of his peerage. In 1628 he became Bishop of Winchester. On 28 Feb., 1631, he was elected to the Archbishopric of York and was enthroned there on 16 April: and in 1635 he vindicated the right of the Archbishops of York to visit Queen's College, Oxford, as against the claim of Laud. He died at York on 31 Oct., 1640, three days before the Meeting of the memorable Long Parliament, and was buried at the East End of the Cathedral in the Chapel of All Saints. There is an engraved portrait of him.

Thomas Neale (the Divine) did marry the Christiana mentioned by Wood, and there were 8 children of the marriage, all of whom are mentioned in the will of his father, dated in 1584, from which will it is also evident he was accustomed to pass much of his time at his father's house in Gloucestershire. After resigning his Hebrew Lectureship he withdrew into retirement to Cassington, near Woodstock; and in 1590 he set up in the Parish Church there above the pew belonging to the house where he lived a brass tablet (which still remains) with a Latin inscription thereon reminding (cf: Appendix C. p. 168) him of his approaching end and having engraved thereon a portrait (of himself it is supposed) wrapped in a winding sheet, as people were accustomed to be buried without coffins in those days. The following is suggested as an English paraphrase of this inscription:—

“ His tongue is silent, who in days of yore  
“ Was versed in many tongues; of Hebrew lore  
“ His tongue the chosen oracle was then.  
“ What profit in the grave? 'Tis this that men  
“ Greek, Latin and the Hebrew tongues have known;  
“ If aught now profits him, 'tis that and that alone.

"Your profit was that Thomas Neale hath taught  
 "With facile tongue the secret tongues ye sought.  
 "His tongue is still ; this now of you I pray,  
 "Your tongues for him your piety display."

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"These lines I have set me up, conscious they'll be  
 "A warning here of my mortality."

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"Though he should slay me  
 "I will trust in him."

Whether he was buried at Cassington (where he died the same year, 1590) or elsewhere is not known. A commission was granted to his widow, Christiana, to administer his goods, debts and chattels, 23 September 1590.

During the Chancellorship of our Gloucestershire Duke, Henry, 5th Duke of Beaufort, Neale's drawings of the Colleges were republished with a plan and dedicated to him; and the late Queen Victoria was graciously pleased to accept from the writer on the occasion of her Jubilee a facsimile copy of Neale's 'Dialogus in adventum serenissimœ Reginœ Elizabethœ gratulatorius inter eandem Reginam et D. Rob. Dudœum Comitem Lecestriœ et Ox. Acad. Cancellarium' with his drawings of the Colleges and his Hebrew address to her great predecessor Elizabeth.

Something of Thomas Neale's position in regard to the theological literature, the influences at work, and the leaven that stirred the whole lump, in his day, can be gathered by a consideration of the few following dates and facts :—

- 1455. Earliest book printed.
- 1477. Earliest English book printed by Caxton.
- 1517. Complutensian Polygot printed in Spain. Indulgence of Pope Leo, against which Luther remonstrated, whereon the Great Reformation commenced.
- 1520. Luther joined by Tyndale.
- 1526. Tyndale's New Testament printed at Cologne.
- 1534. Commencement of English Reformation.
- 1535. Coverdale's Bible (translated out of Douche and Latyn into English) printed—place of printing unknown.

- 1540. Neale, Fellow of New College.
- 1546. Henry VIII. founded Christ Church (Alexr. Belsire of Yate, Uncle of Thomas Neale, being appointed one of the 6 Prebendaries of the Cathedral).
- 1555. Martyrdom of Hooper, Ridley and Latimer.
- 1556. Martyrdom of Cranmer.
- 1557. Neale's book (dedicated to Cardinal Pole) printed at Paris.
- 1558. Neale, Regius Professor of Hebrew at Christ Church.
- 1559. Deprivation of Residents of Colleges.
- 1560. The first Edition of the Geneva or 'Breeches' Bible.  
"Translated according to the Ebrue and Greke . . . . with most profitable annotations upon all the hard places &c." Translators: Whittingham, Thomas Sampson (Dean of Christ Church) and Gilby.
- 1568. The *Bishop's Bible*, a semi-authorised version, Edited by Archbishop Parker, which was chiefly used in Churches, but did not oust the Geneva version from private use.
- 1569. Neale resigned his Professorship.
- 1572. Second Edition of the Bishop's Bible.
- 1588. Defeat of Spanish Armada.
- 1590. Death of Thomas Neale.
- 1597. First of Shakespeare's plays (*Romeo and Juliet*) printed.
- 1605. Don Quixote published in Spain.
- 1611. The Authorised version of James I. (now read in our churches), "diligently compared with the former translations," printed.
- 1612. Don Quixote printed in London.

It will have been seen that Thomas Neale was Hebrew Professor at Christ Church at the time Sampson, the Dean of the House, was engaged in the translation (out of Hebrew and Greek) of the Geneva or 'Breeches' Bible (with 'its profitable annotat<sup>as</sup>' upon all the hard places'); and there can be no doubt that he had a determining voice upon many a linguistic difficulty that must have been encountered. We may hope that with his intimate acquaintance with the masculine vernacular of Gloucestershire he helped to impress upon that work something of Luther's vigour of speech and the majestic rythm of the Book, the birthright and possession of our race

in all lands, and which is to them what Homer continued to be to the cultured Greek wherever his race was found.

It is interesting to note that Little Sodbury House, in which Tyndale translated the New Testament, is only a short walk from Yate and that Thomas Neale must have frequently passed close to it on his way to and from Winchester when a boy. Many a time in later life the old Scholar (first of his day and knowing it), his thoughts filled with memories of the lovely City, Lutetia Parisiorum, must have wended his way across the open unenclosed wilds that stretched from Oxford to Gloucester, where the wild red deer in his thousands roamed and the bustard in troops raced for dear life over the purple heather, inhaling the delicious air of the Cotswold, and then athwart the little Roman bridge at Wickwar, so that he might for a while exchange the monastic seclusion of Oxford and Cassington for that dear home of his childhood down in the vale, where his own chamber with his shelves of books ever awaited his coming under his father's roof.

In connection with Tyndale, one of the very greatest of all Gloucestershire worthies, it is interesting to note that he was almost certainly the brother of Edward Tyndale, who on 18 July, 1519, was appointed general receiver of the lands in Gloucestershire, Somersetshire and Warwickshire of Maurice, Lord Berkeley; that this Edward Tyndale had estates at Pull Court as well as the Manor of Hurst in Slimbridge; and that both were probably younger brothers of Richard Tyndale of Melksham Court. Tyndale's name and family thus becomes connected with two points of interest in this narrative—the migration of the Berkeleys from their ancient seat to Yate Court and Park on the succession of Hen. VII. to their estates, and the history of Thomas Smith, the Diarist, of Shaw House, Melksham, which is dealt with later on.

Tyndale commenced to study at Oxford in 1510. Some-time before 1522 he had become tutor to the children of Sir John Walsh, the Lord of the Manor of Old Sodbury. Sir John's wife was daughter of Sir Robert Poyntz of Iron Acton and sister of Sir Francis Poyntz; and she was thus great aunt to the Sir Nicholas Poyntz to whom Henry, Lord Berkeley sold his lease of Yate Court in 1565. At a later date Tyndale took refuge with another member of the Poyntz family when in exile in Germany.

Shortly after 1522 Tyndale went into Germany; and he was with Luther at Wittenburg in 1525. During this period he carried on his famous controversy with Sir Thomas More, in which he had the best of the argument. Refined scholar and theologian, hard thinker and stubborn protagonist of his faith, he showed himself, at home and in exile, from start to finish true Gloucestershire mill-grit to the backbone; and when on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1536, he was executed at the stake at Vilvorde in the Low Countries, his name had become a household word throughout England.

With special reference to the property known as Wixoldbury —Thomas Neale three years before his death and the year before the defeat of the Armada—purchased in consideration of 200 marks of silver 3 messuages, 2 tofts and 320 acres of land, meadow, pasture and wood in Wickwar, Oldbury and Cromehall. In the fine of Mich : 1587 (29 and 30 Eliz.) Thomas Neale appears as the Plaintiff, and Thomas Ivye, Esquire, Nicholas Webbe, Gentleman, Martha, his wife, Robert Webbe, Gentleman, and Elizabeth Webbe, appear as Defendants. In 1598 Alexander son and heir of the said Thomas sold all that Capital Messuage, Manor Place farm and tenement of Wixoldbury within the parish of Wickwar and divers other lands to Robert Olyver, Gent, in consideration of £200: and on 20 Augt., 1601, Robert Oliver conveyed the same estate to Abel Kitchin (Alderman of the City of Bristol). The Capital Messuage, Manor Place, farm and tenement of Wixoldbury within the parish of Wickwar passed under the dispositions of Abel Kitchin's will, 19 Jan., 1639, to various members of his family of the name of Meredith, Seymour, Snell, Hertford, Walter, Methwin, Iles and Rosewell, and in 1665 became vested in Michael Neale of Acton Ilger under a deed of partition, rendered necessary by various purchases by him from the Kitchin family. Michael Neale died in or about 1673; and on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1700, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Neale of Yate, as previously stated, purchased the property of Francis Rogers and Hannah his wife, since when it has continued in the possession of his family to the present time. Wixoldbury was held of the lord of the manor of Beverston as of his manor of Beverston in Socage by fealty and rent. (Inquisition p.m. (Abel Kitchin) taken at Marshfield 6 April, 17 Charles I.)

It will have been noticed that the Belsires of Yate continued to be intimately connected with the Neales of Yate from the earliest recorded date of their settlement there in 1519 until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Neale settled at Corsham about 1700, Richard Belsire of Yate being his Trustee in the post-nuptial settlement of 1708. In addition therefore to the particulars of the Belsires given in the list of members of that family which follows this notice the following particulars of Alexander Belsire, Uncle of Thomas Neale, are now given. He was born in 1502; entered Winchester as a scholar in 1513 at the age of 11, being described as of Yate, the first mention of that place in the Winchester lists. He became Rector of Tingewick and Handborough, Oxon, where he died in 1567. Sir Thomas White (who was twice Lord Mayor of London and to whom so many young men of Leicester, Nottingham, Coventry and Northampton are to this day so deeply indebted) was the founder of St. John's College and his patron (as well as the patron of Thos. Neale): and Belsire became the first President of that College in 1555 (the year of Ridley and Latimer's martyrdom); but he was deprived under Elizabeth in 1559. His will was proved at Oxford, 27 Feb., 1567. He is therein described as of Handborough. He makes a bequest to Master John Rastell for the purpose of the erection of a suitable monument to himself. He bequeaths to Master Rede 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>, the rest of his goods (with the exception of those mentioned in the underwritten inventory) for pious uses. He appoints Thomas Neale and Simon Drynge Executors and Thomas Wyllyams, Alderman of Oxford, and Master Walter Burnell Overseers. The Witnesses were Thomas Willsonnes, Clerk, Andreas Dotyn and Thomas Rawlins.

In the inventory he makes the following gifts:—

To Master Nele—the best feather bed bolster, pyllows, &c., with the tester and curteyns of sylke in the parlure paying to Leonard Neale 40<sup>s</sup>

To Master Burnell or his brother E—— a fether bed . . . and Eckeys Omelies in small volumes and forgave him 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>

To Mariane Rawlyns the next best fether bed &c. . . .  
that Master Nele have lyned upon with a tester of Tweke  
remyting 6<sup>l</sup> 8<sup>s</sup>

To Thomas Belsyr—the fourth best bedd with tester  
curteynes of redd and yealowe saye and trokle bed yf yt  
may be with water potte of pewter paying to Leonard  
20<sup>s</sup>.

The 5<sup>th</sup> for my selfe to lye on bolster pillowe and pyllow  
beire two paire of sheetes two blanketts covered.

To George a pyllow &c. . . a standing bedstead a great  
broche.

To Alexander Belsyre when he cometh to Oxforth yf the  
6<sup>th</sup> bed of fethers, &c., with the gowne in the parlure here  
faced with Lambe.

To Thomas Rawlyns and Alexander his sonne an oxe, two  
horses, a beame of yron skales and weights, a greate  
broche. Signed, Alex. Belsyre.

The will was proved by Thomas Neale on 27<sup>th</sup> Feby., 1567, in  
the presence of John Kennall, Doctor of Laws, Vicar General of  
Hugo, Bishop of Oxford; and Simon Drynge was admitted to  
probate 10 May, 1568, in the presence of Richard Barber, Doctor of  
Laws, Surrogate of Dr. Kennall.

Of the persons named in the above will and Probate Act—  
John Rastell, of Gloucester, was born 1532, was of Winchester,  
Fellow of New Coll., was expelled for recusancy, went to Louvain  
and wrote against Bishop Jewell.

Master Rede was no doubt one of the family of which many  
members were of Winchester and New Coll., one being Warden of  
New Coll. in 1520.

Simon Drynge was—there is little doubt—the husband of the  
testator's sister Helen.

Walter Burnell was no doubt of Yate (see Henry Burnell of  
Yate, 1550—Winchester Scholars).

The following are names (with dates) of scholars of Winchester, whose names appear in this notice or in the lists or records which follow, or are in some way connected therewith :—

- 1397. Estcourt, William, Shipton Moyne.
- 1424. Tingewick, William, Tingewick.
- 1427. Kyngescote, John, Tetbury.
- 1455. Godard, Richard, Newbury.
- 1463. Grocyn, William, Colerne—Professor of Greek in Oxford.
- 1481. Beech, William, Sudeley, Gloucestershire.
- 1493. Rede, John, Colerne.
- 1501. Rede, John, Hunston, Sussex—Warden of Winchester, Warden of New Coll. (1520), Can. of Chichester and Master of St. Cross.
- 1502. Pytt, John, Shaftesbury.
- 1513. Belsey, Alexander Yate.
- 1526. Belsey, Leonard, Yate—Univ. Bedel.
- 1531. Burnell, Edward, Yeovil—Sch. N.C. Fellow.
- 1531. Neelle, Thomas, Yate—Regius Prof. of Hebrew.
- 1543. Rastell, John, Gloucester—Writer against Jewell.
- 1546. Estcourte, Thomas, Shipton Moyne.
- 1548. Belsey, George, Yate.
- 1550. Burnell, Henry, Yate—[cf: Berkeley Charter (No. 458)—Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath, 1292.]
- 1555. Belser, William, Oxford.
- 1557. Rastell, Edward, Gloucester.
- 1562. Belser, Alexander, Kennington, Oxon.
- 1572. Rawlyngs, Alexander, Oxon.
- 1583. Rawlings, John, Cassington.
- 1590. Thynne, Egremund, Corsley, Wilts.
- 1616. Codrington, Richard, Doddington, Glouc.
- 1630. Wiccham, William, Pucklechurch.
- 1636. Baynham, Robert, Yate, Glouc.
- 1648. Lowe, Edward, Calne.
- 1653. Nicholas, John, West Deane—Preb. of Sarum, W. of New Coll., Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, 1677-9, W. of Winch. Col., Built School in 1687 (trustee of the settlement on the marriage of his nephew Thomas Smith with Miss Elizabeth Challoner).

- 1671. Norris, John, Collingbourne, Wilts—‘The English Platonist.’
- 1682. Bisse, Philip, C.F., Oldbury on the Hill, Glouc.—Bp. of St. David’s, then of Hereford.
- 1688. Fox, Bohun, C.F., Yardley—V. of Melksham, 1697, d. 1750. Founder with Dr. Burton of Fox and Burton Exhibitions. Grandson of Abraham Bohun by Elizabeth Bathurst (*see* Smith’s Diary Appendix).
- 1697. Hulbert, Robert, Easton, Wilts.
- 1698. Merewether, John, Devizes—Physician at Chippenham.
- 1706. Hanham, William, Westwood, Wilts, Knight (of Neston).
- 1710. Hanham, John, Westwood, Wilts.
- 1737. Hanham, James, Bromham, Wilts—Fell. Oriel Coll.
- 1741. Chanter, William Henry, Corsham.
- 1743. Goddard, Ambrose, Box—M.P. for Wilts 1772-1806.
- 1762. Dorrington, Thomas, Chipping Sodbury.
- 1782. Burrard, George, Lymington, Hants, third Baronet. To Downing Coll. M.A., V. of Middleton Tyas, and Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and Chaplain to Queen.
- 1783. Sainsbury, William Rance, Chippenham.
- 1789. Colborne, John, Lymington, Hants—Field Marshal Lord Seaton.
- 1797. Poyntz, Nathaniel, Tormarton.
- 1801. Heathcote, Thomas, Melksham, of Shaw Hill, Melksham.
- 1807. Arnold, Thomas, West Cowes—Fell. Oriel. Head M. of Rugby School, 1827.

The scene now shifts from Yate to Corsham. It will be remembered that Robert Neale, the third Robert in descent from Thomas of the little salte of silver, son of Thomas the Tanner, settled at Corsham about the year 1700, having been born at Yate on 12 November, 1682. He entered the guild of clothiers, then very extensive in that neighbourhood, and apparently outstripped all his competitors. He doubtless struck many a bargain with Anne’s Paymaster of the Forces; and, as we may suppose that the buff

coloured jerkin, which clothed the men of Raleigh and Sydney in Virginia and under the walls of Zutven and the sea-dogs of Drake on the ruffled surface of our silver sea, came forth from the tanpits of Berkeley, so from the once busy looms of Corsham issued the scarlet tunic of the linesman who fought far away by the Danube on the field of Blenheim and later on at Dettingen by the banks of the Main. This Robert's father died at Yate in December, 1703, and was laid to rest with the Quakers at Sodbury, leaving Neale's Tenement at Yate to his son Robert, and Wixoldbury to his daughter Elizabeth. On 26 December, 1704 (2 Anne), Robert, now of Corsham, married Sarah, daughter of William Arnold of that place, at the Church of St. Mary in the Devizes, one of the most beautiful and stately of all our West Country Churches, its Eastern gable crowned with a miracle of art, in the heavenly light of which Diana of Ephesus would have suffered eclipse, and beside which Madonna of the Sistine appears shrouded in an atmosphere of impenetrable gloom.

This Sarah Arnold was granddaughter of William Gibbons of Corsham, Clothier, and cousin of Sir William Gibbons, Bart., Speaker of the House of Assembly in Barbadoes; and Sir William Gibbons of Stanwell Place, Middlesex, it will be seen, appears frequently in the Neale records from 1774 onwards as a trustee of the family estates. There is a tradition that Grindling Gibbons was a member of this family.

There were 5 sons of this marriage of Robert Neale and Sarah Arnold, all of whom with the exception of Robert (who succeeded) predeceased their father. In 1708 he settled Neale's Tenement upon himself, his wife and their heirs. In 1727 Smith's Tenement and lands in Notton, Laycock, were purchased; and in 1729 Neale's Tenement at Yate was sold to Sir William Codrington, 'because it lay so remote from his house at Corsham'; and the Mansion House at Corsham with the land upon which it was built was thereupon settled in lieu of Neale's Tenement upon Robert Neale, his wife and their young son, Robert.

On the back of this settlement there is an endorsement in the handwriting of Robert Neale, the son (who seems to have settled down quite early to the serious business of life) stating that the seat in Corsham Church under the Parish Gallery belonged to and was enjoyed with the Mansion, and that it was repaired and enlarged at his father's expense in 1733.

In 1732 Littlecott Farm was purchased; and in 1733 the Braydon property. On 10 December of the same year this Robert Neale died at the early age of 50 in London, where we may suppose he had journeyed on business, and he was buried in Corsham Churchyard with the following inscription cast on his coffin:—‘Robert Neale, Esquire, died December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1733. Aged 50.’ So ended a very useful career, which witnessed the spacious times of Marlborough and Walpole’s great supremacy. Something of the energy and firmness of his character can be read from his strenuous life and in the portrait of him at Shaw House; and that he was a man of refined and accurate taste the Mansion House which he built at Corsham, with its beautiful oak panelling and staircase, bears witness.

His will contains some interesting bequests; among others a bequest to his son James of his best rideing horse, bridle and saddle and his best pair of pistols and his silver hilted sword and scarlett cloake and his watch; also bequests to his cousins W<sup>m</sup>. Neale, Thomas Neale and Robert Neale.

Robert Neale, his son, was born on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1706. From his portrait painted in 1726 and from other evidences it is clear he was at an early age serving and supporting his father in his business and aims. In June 1734, the year after his father’s death, he purchased of William Dawes and Catherine his wife, the heir of John Smith of Clanfield in the co. of Oxford, Thingley with lands at Gastard, Thingley Bridge, Pandown and Easton, as well as in the tything of Pickwick.

On the back of a surrender of 4 acres in the Tything of Easton dated June, 1734, there is the following endorsement in his handwriting :—"In consideration of the faithful and . . . . . done by Edward Bryant to my father and me and in obedience to my dear father's desire on his deathbed the night before he departed I surrendered the parcel in this copy with the part belonging to Thingley Farm to Edward Bryant and his wife for their lives."

In October, 1735, Littlecott and Pitts or the Rudge (Corsham side) and land at Elley Green were purchased: and on 3<sup>rd</sup> November following Robert Neale married at Colerne (whence the great Grocyn came and of which his ancestor Alexander Belsire 2 centuries earlier had been vicar) Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Smith (the Diarist) of Shaw House, Melksham, Mr. Needham officiating and Mr. Selfe, Mrs. Wallis, Mr. H. Witts and others being present. Miss Smith brought into settlement a moiety of the Manor of Tollar Wylme and Catscliffe, co. Dorset, and 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of the Tenement called Littlecott in the parish of Hilmarton; and Robert Neale brought into settlement his copyholds at Corsham. The trustees of this settlement were John Smith of Shaw, Ezekiel Wallis of Lucknam in the parish of Colerne (*see* Smith's Diary), and Lucas Selfe of Beanacre. 'Betty,' whom we find by reference to her father's diary 1721/2 (*see* Appendix D) going not unfrequently in the family coach to Bath to see her grandmother there, falling ill by eating a peach at a dance at Coz. Smith's of Stoney Littleton, prevented from attending the service and listening to Mr. Bohun Fox at Melksham Church by being grieved with the head ache and cold, did not in those early days lack suitors; and from another source it would appear that Mr. Harvey of Cole Park one time proposed, but that she was otherwise disposed.

This settlement is endorsed by Robert Neale with particulars of his marriage with Miss Smith, of the children of the marriage and of his wife's death and burial in the Chancel at Corsham. Of the marriage of this Robert and Elizabeth there were three sons and one daughter, all of whom with the exception of Robert (who was born 25 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1736, and succeeded his father) died young.

In 1737 and 1749 Longmead and Bowleaze (now forming the Home Tyning and held with the Mansion House) were acquired. In June, 1738, Fords-in-the-Well (or Light's Farm), Yatton Keynall (which belonged to Malmesbury Abbey until the Dissolution), was purchased.

In June, 1739, Charles Ireland of Bristol settled upon Robert Neale his cousin and his heirs the Mansion House and Scite of the Manor of Wixoldbury "in regard to it being an antient estate in the name and family of the ancestors of the said Robert Neale," John Thresher of Bradford and John Norris of Chippenham being trustees.

On 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1741 (15 Geo. II.), Robert Neale and J. Harvey Thursby were returned to serve as Members for Wotton Bassett in the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament of Great Britain; and it is interesting to note the chief names of others who served with them in the same Parliament. There was William Pitt for Old Sarum (afterwards Lord Chatham); 3 other Pitts, Thomas, George and John for Oakhampton, Shaftesbury and Wareham; Sir Edward Seymour and Sir Jacob Bouvierie for New Sarum; Charles Horace Walpole for Callington; George Fox for York; Edward Hales (afterwards Earl of Oxford); 3 Onslows, Arthur, Denzel and Richard, for Surrey and Guildford; Harry Burrard for Lymington; Sir Robert Long and Edward Popham for Wiltshire; George Heathcote for London; Sir Paul Methuen for Brackley; Sir Richard Corbet for Shrewsbury; Thos. Whitmore and William Whitmore for Bridgenorth; Walter Hungerford for Calne; Edward Ashe for Heytesbury; and Sir Henry Northcote for Exeter. It was in this year that Frederick the Great persecuted Maria Theresa and eventually forced her to cede Silesia to him.

In 1743 Robert Neale voted with the majority for the Hanoverian troops being taken into British pay; and in the same year George II. defeated the Duke de Grammont at Dettingen.

Robert Neale was also returned with Martin Madan to serve as member for Wootton Bassett in the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament (1744): and there served with him in that Parliament Robert Webb for Taunton; Harry Burrard and Charles Powlett for Lymington; Sir Robert Long and Edward Popham for Wiltshire; Paul Methuen for Westbury; William Ashe for Heytesbury; Thomas Pitt and Paul Jodrell for Old Sarum; and Charles Pelham and Sir William Codrington (the purchaser of Neale's Tenement at Yate) for Beverley. This Parliament witnessed the final downfall of the Stuart Cause at Culloden in 1746.

At the election which took place in 1754 Robert Neale again stood for Wootton Bassett, but was defeated. This contest gave rise to incidents which have survived in William Hogarth's 4 famous election pictures, which can be seen to-day in Sir John Soane's Museum in Lincoln's Inn Fields. There is a curious paper in the writer's possession containing a statement by the then Mayor of Wootton Bassett as to an alleged attempt on Robert Neale's part to bribe the electorate. The candidates and votes recorded were:—

Thomas Estcourt Cresswell	-	-	-	122
John Probyn	-	-	-	122
The Earl of Drumlanrig	-	-	-	97
Robert Neale	-	-	-	96

The bribes alleged against Robert Neale were:—The promise of his 10 best oxen at Braydon Farm to one Cripps and money bribes amounting to a very large sum, including 30 guineas each to 135 voters. It is said the statement was unfounded and the outcome of some personal pique. The names of no less than 12 inns in the town are set out in the statement. Thomas Duckett (*see* List of Ducketts) was returned to serve for Calne.

In 1744 the Rectory Manor and Improper Rectory of Corsham with glebe, tithes, barns, &c. (originally bought of the Crown by one William Spicer) were purchased: in 1748 Pickwick Manor Farm and lands, then in the tenure of Thomas Hayter, were purchased of Walter Wastfield and Vickris Dickinson: and in 1749 the Tynning Inn (adjoining the Home Tynning) with other lands were purchased of Paul Methuen.

On the death of John Smith, Mrs. Neale's brother, in 1757, Mrs. Neale succeeded as his heir-at-law to the Shaw House Estate, Norwood Lodge, Glastonbury, and the Rectory Manor of Kinnerley in Shropshire. This, however, was not settled without some interesting litigation and a trial at Salisbury.

It is interesting to note—in connection with the family of Smith of Shaw House (of whom this John was the last male representative), and others with whom his family were connected by marriage or otherwise in the period covered by the following records—some of the Members who served in the 2 Parliaments of James, 1603 and 1620. In the list of Members of the first of these Parliaments appear:—Sir T. Chaloner, Knight, for Lostwithiel; Sir Edward Seymour, Knt., for Newport; Edward Seymour for Devonshire; Sir J. Hanham for Weymouth; John Pitt for Bridport; John Corbett for Portsmouth; Nicholas Hyde for Christchurch; Sir Francis Popham, Knt., for Wiltshire; John Hungerford (whose ancestor was the first Speaker in 1377) for Chippenham; Sir J. Hungerford for Cricklade; and Sir Edward Hales for Hastings (Cinque Port); and in this same Parliament there served Sir Oliver Cromwell, Knight, for Huntingdonshire; Sir N. Bacon, Knt., for Norfolk; Sir Edward Littleton, Knt., for Staffordshire; and Sir Francis Bacon, Knt., for Ipswich. In the list of the Members of the second of the above Parliaments appear:—Sir Francis Seymour and Sir Edward Bayntun for Wiltshire; Walter Long for Westbury; John Duckett and John Pymme for Calne; and Edward Nicholas for Winchester (Cinque Port).

In 1767, 1768 Hulbert's Tenement at Notton and the Melksham Canonhold were purchased; and in 1769 Great Chalfield with the Advowson of the Church of Great Chalfield and the Constableship of Trowbridge were, with other lands in Holt, purchased of Evelyn Duke of Kingston and the Duchess of Kingston. A very large price was given for the Chalfield Estate: and with a view to its purchase, the Advowson of the Rectory of Kinnerley, Salop (purchased by Mrs. Smith's ancestor of Mr. Hyde in 1671), was sold the previous year to John Windsor of Shrewsbury for upwards of £8,000, and the proceeds were applied in part payment of the purchase money of Chalfield.

There is an old abstract, dated 5 April, 1769, beautifully written on fine old paper (with index added and strongly bound in 1888) of the deeds relating to the lands and hereditaments of Robert Neale and Elizabeth his wife at that date, prepared it would seem with a view to the settlement on the marriage of their son, which took place the following year.

In 1770 there are three interesting letters written by John Walton of Howard Street, St. Clement's Dane, Middlesex (the husband of Grace, late Grace Goldstone, widow, the sole Executrix of Gwyn Goldstone and eldest daughter of George Duckett of Hartham) to Robert Neale, relating to proposals for the settlement on the marriage of Robert Neale, his son, to Miss Grace Goldstone, the only child of Gwyn Goldstone. This marriage took place at St. Clement's Dane on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1770, the settlement being dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of that month. The trustees were William Norris of Non-such, Wm. Duckett of Hartham, Thomas Mainwaring of the City of Chester, Samuel Salt of the Inner Temple, and John Norris of the Middle Temple. The lands brought into settlement were:—(1) The Great Chalfield Estate with the Advowson and the Constableship of Trowbridge, (2) Littlecott, (3) Yatton Farm and lands, (4) Notton Lands, (5) Shaw Mansion House with Shaw Farm and lands, (6) Norwood Lodge and (7) Melksham Canonhold. A sum of £200 a year as pin money was secured to the wife and a jointure of £1,000 per annum in case she should survive her husband, the lands coming through Robert Neale, the elder, being made the subject of a special entail. Among other endorsements on this settlement (relating to the marriage, the birth of the two children of the marriage, the death of Robert Neale of Shaw and the removal of Mrs. Neale his mother and the twin sons to Chalfield, to be deposited with him in the same vault as he desired) are the following, all being in the handwriting of Robert Neale, the father:—

“ May the bitter pill of pin money be ever more expunged  
“ out of the settlements of this family and the [ ]  
“ to personality be restored in its stead.

“ In 1775 the Chancel of the Church at Chalfield is to be  
“ rebuilt (etc.) by me according to my agreement with my  
“ son.”

By this marriage of Robert Neale the son with Miss Goldstone a contingent interest was acquired in the Duckett Estates (*see* the records relating to Hartham and Hatt). Miss Goldstone traced her descent also from the Boleyns.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1771, Grace Elizabeth Neale, daughter of Robert the Son and Grace was born; and she was baptised at St. George's, Hanover Square.

In October of the same year Elizabeth, wife of the Elder Robert Neale, died and was buried in the Chancel at Corsham; and the following inscription was cast on her coffin:—Eliz<sup>th</sup> daughter of Thomas Smith heretofore of Shaw, Esquire, and wife of Robert Neale Esq<sup>o</sup> ended her pious life 31 October, 1771, aged 70, leaving Robert her only surviving issue.

In December, 1771, there is a memorial of Robert Neale the elder to the Lords Comm<sup>o</sup> of His Majesty's Treasury, offering to pay £7,000 for the interest of the Crown in the Manor of Corsham (subject to the existing lease and rents) and an undertaking to apply to Parliament for an Act to enable His Majesty to grant the same to him. Mention is also made therein of the following persons:—Peter Burrell, Sir James Long, Bart., Sir Edward Baynton, Bart., John Garth, James Montague, John Walker, Henry Penruddock Wyndham, John Awdry, Paul Methuen and Robert Hulbert.

On 23 Jany., 1773, Lydia Frances, the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Robert the younger and Grace, was born.

On 23 March, 1774, Robert Neale the younger, of Shaw House, died, and on 30<sup>th</sup> March was buried at Great Chalfield. By his will, dated 14 January, 1774, he gave all his property to his father in trust for his daughters equally; directed that his children should be ever with his father; appointed as trustees his worthy friends Lord Webb Seymour of Farleigh, Paul Methuen of Corsham (nephew of Lucas Selfe of Beanacre, one of the trustees of the marriage settlement of the testator's father and mother, made in 1735), William Gibbons of Hanwell Place, Middlesex, William Norris of Nonsuch, and William Arnold of Corsham; Paul Methuen of Holt and Vicaris

Dickinson of Pickwick being trustees of terms. He was buried at Chalfield Magna on 30<sup>th</sup> March, and on the day following the bodies of Elizabeth Neale, wife of Robert Neale of Corsham (the father), and their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Neale (who died at the age of 15), and their two infant sons, William and Thomas, were removed from Corsham and deposited in the grave at Chalfield with Robert Neale the eldest son. There is a portrait of the younger Robert Neale (painted in 1757) at Shaw House.

In June, 1774, Robert Neale, the elder, obtained from the Heralds' College a confirmation and exemplification of arms to be borne and used for ever thereafter by him, his family and descendants, since which date 'Loyal au Mort' has been used as the family motto. In this confirmation it was recited that Robert Neale had represented to the Deputy to the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Earl Marshal of England, that he and his ancestors had borne for Armorial Ensigns 'Argent a lion rampant between 2 dexter hands in chief gules debruised by a fess or charged with two lions rampant supporting a sinister hand of the second' and for a crest, &c., but not being able then to authenticate the same otherwise than by ancient usage had requested a confirmation and exemplification of the arms and crest aforesaid to him and his family: and the confirmation and exemplification of arms and crest were made accordingly to be borne and used for ever thereafter by him, the said Robert Neale, his family and their descendants with their due and proper differences according to the ancient practice and Law of Arms. With reference to this confirmation and exemplification it will be seen (by reference to Appendix A, p. 154, and Yeatman's 'House of Arundel,' p. 346) that the arms represented by Robert Neale to have been borne by his ancestors, as he authenticated by ancient usage, were the arms borne by the ancient Albini and Nigelli, of whom the Nigelli and Neales of Berkeley are shown to have been a branch. It is also noticeable that the request was not for a confirmation and exemplification to himself as sole claimant, but to him and his family (who had a like claim with him to these arms and crest) and that the confirmation and exemplification was made in that unusual form accordingly. A new and amended

pedigree, continued to date, was subsequently registered in 1891 (*see* Appendix E.) ; and in the notice of the family in Burke particulars are given showing its connection with Roger de Berkeley (to whom William granted the manor and barony), Nigel de Albini (Mowbray) and Robert Fitzhardinge.

On 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1774, Robert Neale the elder made his will, in which Lord Webb Seymour of Monckton Farley, William Gibbons, Wm. Norris, and William Arnold were appointed trustees and executors, and Paul Methuen of Holt and Vicaris Dickinson of Pickwick, trustees of terms. The will contained a bequest of £30,000 to his granddaughter, Lydia Frances. His real estates were devised to his trustees (subject to a term of 500 years for the purpose of raising sufficient with personalty to satisfy the above bequest) upon trust for his other granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth Neale, for life, with remainders in tail leading to a remainder to John Neale, eldest son of Benjamin Neale the elder of Yate, gentleman, for life and his sons in tail, and with further remainders in default. He gave large annuities to the three firstly mentioned trustees, and legacies to William Arnold and his cousin, the said Benjamin Neale the elder. In addition to subsidiary provisions in regard to heirlooms and for carrying out the wishes and instructions of the testator there is a direction to the trustees to use their best endeavours to purchase and settle upon the trusts of the will the manor of Corsham, a direction as to rebuilding the chancel of the parish church of Great Chalfield, a direction to erect a monument in his chancel in the parish church of Corsham in memory of his father and mother, and another in the parish church of Great Chalfield to the memory of his wife, son and daughter. These directions are followed by a desire to be buried with them at Great Chalfield ; and by an earnest desire as to the guardianship of his grandchildren and that they should not be sent to school, but should be brought up with suitable appointments entirely at Shaw : and after some intensely scathing comments upon his daughter-in-law, their mother, he declares that his granddaughters shall be deprived of all benefits under his will if their mother should directly or indirectly assume their guardianship or tuition and government at any time during their minority. A bequest of the residue of his personalty

follows, upon trust to purchase lands (but not houses) of inheritance and to settle as aforesaid. His death took place at Shaw House and he was buried at Great Chalfield in July, 1776, in his vault there, to which the remains of his wife and children had been previously removed from Corsham, his will being proved in the following September.

So he slept with his own and his span of life was rounded by the tomb he had himself prepared; in a spot, dedicated to silence, remote from the empty bustle and shallow babble of the world, venerable almost as Avalon; where may his dust and the dust of those so dear to him for ever rest undisturbed by any profane hand. He had his triumphs and his bitter trials. He was possessed with a soul consuming and monumental love and reverence for those worthy ones of his own who had gone before, to whom he knew that under Providence he owed all he had and was; and to promote the welfare of those to come after became the absorbing thought and sacred duty of his active life. He was a man of stern and unbending will, purpose and determination, who sought not his opinions (whether right or wrong) from others; and he doubtless had, like other men, his own solitary ambitions, which reckoning time and myriad accidents have bent, and upon which the far mightier Will that settles all things has endorsed his absolute decrees.

A full length portrait of him (painted in 1726 at the age of 20) attributed by some to Hudson (the painter of Handel) hangs in the staircase at his Mansion House, Corsham, where he lived, and which his father built.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, a few days previous to his death (little thinking of events so close at hand), he wrote to Sir George Jackson at the Admiralty, London, a letter (in which he spoke of being in perfect health) as follows:—

“I thank you for your kind enquiry, and have the happiness to tell  
“you we are, God be praised, all in perfect health. I am obliged for your  
“intelligence of affairs the other side of the Atlantick, and think our  
“Rebellious Brethren are in a promising way of being speedily reduced  
“to that state of obedience which they justly owe this country. With  
“great regard.”

Twelve days only after this was written, on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1776, probably the very day on which Robert Neale died, the Declaration of American Independence was signed.

There are 5 tombs of the Arnolds and Neales under the west wall of the north graveyard of Corsham Church, as follows, proceeding from south to north:—

- (1) An altar tomb with the following inscription on south panel:—

“Here lieth the body of William Arnold of this Town, Mercer, who departed this life the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1719.”

“Also under this tomb lieth the body of Jane Arnold, wife of William Arnold, Senior, who departed this life the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, Anno Domini 1724, aged 69 years.”

- (2) An unusually large and beautiful altar tomb with the following inscription on the south panel:—

“This stone is placed here to perpetuate the memory of Mrs. Sarah Neale, wife of Robert Neale, gent., and daughter of Mr. William Arnold, who died June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1745, aged 65.”

- (3) An altar tomb with the following inscription:—

“Under this tomb is interred the body of George Neale, son of Robert Neale of this Town, and Sarah his wife, who departed this life the 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1715, in the second year of his age.”

“Also under this tomb lieth interred the body of William Neale, son of Robert Neale aforesaid, gent, and Sarah his wife, who departed this life the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1722, in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of his age.”

- (4) A large altar tomb with no inscription.

- (5) A flat pennant tombstone (after design of William Rufus' tombstone at Winchester, but without the cross thereon). In memory of Sarah Jane, William Albert and Amy Helena, all children of Robert and Ann Neale.

Sir George Jackson, very shortly after Robert Neale the elder's death, married Grace Neale, the widow of Robert Neale the younger, he and Grace his wife (lately called Grace Neale, widow) appearing with the other defendants in the Bill of Complaint in Chancery of the following year of the two infants, Grace Elizabeth and Lydia Frances Neale. The answers to this Bill in 1777 give interesting lists of the household goods, plate, china and pictures and of rentals of the real estate of Robert Neale the younger and of Robert Neale the elder. A decree was pronounced in December, 1778; and in March, 1779, there are accounts of John Walton, esquire, receiver of the rents and profits of the estate, showing that the Neales of Yate had then been joined as defendants, and giving the names of 75 tenants of the various properties in addition to the names of 12 persons in the parish of Corsham from whom tithe and quit-rents were received.

Robert Neale the younger of Shaw House, Wilts, much of whose history has already been told in the account of his father, Robert Neale the elder of Corsham, was a graduate at New College, Oxford, and J.P. and Deputy Lieutenant for Wilts.

His daughter, Grace Elizabeth Neale, upon obtaining her majority in 1792, conveyed to the Duke of Somerset (Lord Webb Seymour), Sir William Gibbons, William Norris and William Arnold, the trustees of the wills of her father and grandfather, the moiety of the estates, to which she became entitled under the settlements and will of her father, to the uses declared in the will of her grandfather: and in Feby., 1794, Lydia Frances, upon obtaining her majority, made a like conveyance.

On 15 April, 1795, Grace Elizabeth Neale was married at 7, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, (by special licence) to Sir Harry Burrard, of Walhampton, Bart., by Geo. Burrard, Fellow of Merton Coll., Oxford, (his brother) in the presence of Maria Sophia Bridport and Lord Bridport. Under the guardianship of Sir George Jackson and her mother, Lady Jackson, Lady Neale had already become acquainted with many of the leading men and women of the time. When about 16 she was present at the thanksgiving at St. Paul's on the recovery of Geo. III., 23 April, 1789; and on that occasion, she has stated, her mother permitted her to appear for the first time, and

for that once only, in powder. It was on this occasion that her great friend, Dr. Pretyman, then Bishop of Lincoln and Dean of St. Paul's, arranged that she should meet the younger Pitt; and after the service there was an adjournment to the Deanery to lunch, when she was placed next the young Statesman and underwent some degree of youthful excitement. She became in time a hot Pittite. Burke used in those days to weary the House of Commons with his interminable oratory: so, while he talked, the members would adjourn to Sir George Jackson's house: and thus she imbibed her taste for politics. She was present during the trial of Warren Hastings: knew Lord and Lady Nelson and Sir John Moore: and was intimately acquainted with Lord and Lady Palmerston.

She was a great genealogist and the authorities of the Heralds' College assisted her about the illustration of a great genealogical work in 8 volumes (believed to be now in Paris), which was very richly illuminated and upon which it is said she expended a stupendous sum.

She was also no mean artist, as appears from the works she has left, including a copy of one of Romney's well-known studies of Lady Hamilton (lent to her by the artist for that purpose), 'Ma Voiture en Sicile' (a sketch on a journey when in the Mediterranean with Sir Harry), and a drawing of the 'Testy Knight.'

She became lady-in-waiting to Queen Charlotte, and companion to Princess Amelia: and upon two occasions, in 1801 and 1804, she and Sir Harry were honoured by visits from George III., Queen Charlotte, and all the Princesses at their home at Walhampton.

The Right Honb<sup>b</sup> Alexander Arthur Hood, Lord Bridport (who served under Lord Howe at the relief of Gibraltar in 1782, and who afterwards succeeded Lord Howe as Vice-Admiral of Great Britain), the Honb<sup>b</sup> Sir Giles Rooke, Knight, Justice of the Common Pleas (of whom there are 2 portraits at Merton College, Oxford, one a pastel by Lewis Vaslet of Bath, the other in oils by John Hoppner, exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1795), and Nathaniel Bond (sometime M.P. for Corfe Castle, a Lord of the Treasury and Bencher of the Inner Temple) were trustees of the

settlement made upon her marriage, in which are set out the names of 37 tenants of her lands in the several counties of Wilts, Dorset and Gloucester.

In April, 1795, Sir Harry and Lady Burrard were empowered by letters patent to use and bear the surname and arms of Neale.

Sir Harry came of an old Hampshire family, settled at Lymington since about 1500, John Borard, 19th Prior of the Monastery of Christchurch, who died about 1412 and who lies in the Chancel there, being an ancestor. Sir Harry was born 16 September, 1765. His professional career was a distinguished one. He entered the Navy in 1778, at the age of 13. In 1791 he succeeded to the Baronetcy on the death of his uncle, Sir Harry Burrard. Shortly after his marriage in 1795 he was appointed to the command of the San Fiorenzo of 42 guns, stationed for some time at Weymouth in attendance on the King. On 9 March, 1797, the San Fiorenzo, in company with the Nymph, captured the French frigates Resistance and Constance off Brest. She was at the Nore when the mutiny broke out. Her crew refused to join. She ran through the fire opened on her by the revolted ships and escaped; and on 7 June a meeting of London merchants and shipowners passed a vote of thanks to Neale and his officers and seamen. In 1801 he was appointed to the Centaur of 74 guns, from which he was moved into the Royal Yacht. In 1805 he was appointed to the London of 98 guns. In March, 1806, the London brought the French ships Marengo and Belle Poule to action: the Belle Poule was captured by the Amazon frigate, while the Marengo, under Admiral Linois, struck to the London after a running fight of more than four hours. In 1808, he was co-signatory with Sir Arthur Wellesley and Sir Hugh Dalrymple of the Convention of Cintra. In July, 1810, he was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral. From 1811 to 1814 he commanded a squadron on the coast of France, with his flag in the Boyne and afterwards in the Ville de Paris. On 4 June, 1814, he was advanced to be Vice-Admiral, and was made G.C.B. in 1822. He was Commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean 1823-1826, when he reduced the Dey of Algiers to terms. He became an Admiral in July, 1830, and in Jan., 1833, was offered the command at Portsmouth on condition of resigning his seat in the House of Commons, which he refused to do.

During his naval career 20 of the enemy's ships of war were taken or destroyed by him. He died at Brighton, 15 Feb., 1840, when a commanding obelisk overlooking the Solent, up which he had so often sailed with his gallant men, who adored him, was erected as a tribute to his memory at Walhampton by the Queen Dowager Adelaide and numerous Royal and other friends. The inscription on the base of this monument shows the fine gentleman he was, and the humanising influence on character of an officer's life on the sea. He was M.P. for Lymington for 40 years: was a Lord of the Admiralty and Groom of the Bedchamber to George III. and William IV. There are portraits of him by Hoppner, Beechy and Mather Brown. For the earlier history of the family of Borard or Bosco Rohardi (*see* Appendix A, pp. 153 and 154).

Dr. Pretyman, Lady Neale's friend in her younger days, who has been referred to above, was a man of rare distinction and deserving of notice. Tomline, Sir George Pretyman, lived an eventful life from 1750 to 1827. He was a member of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, and Senior Wrangler and Smith's Prizeman in 1772. The younger Pitt went up to Cambridge at the early age of 14, and Tomline was appointed his tutor. On Pitt's appointment as First Lord of the Treasury in 1783, Tomline became his private secretary, and continued to act as such until 1787. He became D.D. in 1784. In 1787 he became Bishop of Lincoln and Dean of St. Paul's: and from that time until 1806 the bulk of the ecclesiastical patronage was exercised according to his advice, and Pitt generally sought his opinion also on the general conduct of political affairs. In 1805, Pitt endeavoured to obtain Tomline's appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury: but the King would not give way in this, and appointed Charles Manners-Sutton. He was with Pitt at his death and was left his literary executor. In 1820 he was appointed Bishop of Winchester; wrote memoirs of Pitt (1821); and died in 1827.

On the marriage of Grace Elizabeth Neale with Sir Harry Burrard they became possessed of 3 country seats at Corsham, Shaw, and Walhampton. They resided at the latter place: and the Mansion House, Corsham, and Shaw House both suffered the fate of so many country houses which ceased to be occupied by their owners,

and were let to be used for the purposes of private schools. Two men of note were educated at Corsham. One was Richard Bethell, afterwards Lord Westbury, one of the most remarkable lawyers who has ever occupied the Woolsack. The other, not less remarkable, was Reginald Younghusband. His tall lithe figure was the last seen fighting from the vantage of a waggon at Isandula against the savage host of Cetewayo's brave and dusky warriors, who outwitted and sorely punished the general who held them too cheaply. The writer has seen him in the North West corner of the South Court, under the walls of the old boot-house, with great dexterity and skill disarm no mean opponent in fence and take a hit with the most perfect good temper and nonchalance. The writer has also been told by Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband, of Thibetan fame, that he claims Reginald Younghusband as a kinsman of his.

In March, 1798, Dame Grace Jackson-Duckett, mother of Lady Neale, died, and was buried at St. George's, Hanover Square. The family of the Ducketts, of whom she was the eldest direct representative, were descended from Gundreda, daughter of William and wife of William Earl of Warren, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Surrey; and they were claimants of the Barony of Windesore.

Sir George Jackson-Duckett lived to the age of 97, and was buried at Bishop's Stortford. He was Judge Advocate of the Fleet, for many years a Secretary of the Admiralty, and a member of Parliament (in succession) for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, and Colchester. He was a zealous friend and an early patron of Captain Cook, who named after him Point Jackson in New Zealand and Port Jackson in New South Wales.

In 1801 Lydia Frances, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Robert Neale, of Shaw, and Grace (afterwards Grace Jackson-Duckett) married Henry Gawler, of Lincoln's Inn, the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of John Gawler, of Ramridge, co. Southampton, and his wife, the Honb<sup>le</sup> Caroline, eldest daughter of John 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Bellenden and sister of Ker and Robert, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Lords Bellenden. She was buried 15 March, 1814, in the Cathedral Church, Bristol, where there is a monument to her memory placed there by her sister, Lady Neale, on the pillar between the Choir and South Aisle.

There is a portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds of Lydia Neale's husband, Henry Gawler, with his brother, John Bellenden (who afterwards assumed the name of Bellenden Ker) in the well-known picture of the 'Schoolboys' exhibited in the British Pavilion at the International Exhibition at Paris in 1900, as well as portraits by Sir Joshua of John Gawler and the Hon<sup>b</sup>• Caroline Gawler, his father and mother.

In 1816 an Act of Parliament, promoted by Paul Cobb Methuen, Lord of the Manor of Corsham, and Sir Harry Burrard Neale and Grace Elizabeth his wife, as Lord and Lady of the Rectory Manor, was obtained for enclosing lands in the parish of Corsham, under which certain invalid exchanges were made, which gave rise to difficulties at a later date.

In August, 1822, an agreement was entered into between Sir Harry and his wife, John Neale of Berkeley, and John Corbett Neale, of Yate, for the purchase by Sir Harry of the Great Chalfield estates and the advowson, and for the limitation to John Corbett Neale and his heirs (subject to the precedent limitations) of all other manors, advowsons and lands (with certain specified exceptions) then subject to the uses of the will of Robert Neale the elder.

Sometime previously serious differences had arisen (out of a simple incident) between Lady Neale and John Corbett Neale, in consequence of which she conceived a strong aversion to his family, and which led to somewhat disastrous results. She subsequently adopted a godson of hers, a gentleman of French parentage, to whom she ultimately left the bulk of what she possessed. He is said to have dissipated his fortune with a free hand; and very shortly after he came into possession of it, the poor fellow, who if he had failings had his points, was found lying foully murdered in the Champs Elysees at Paris (where his home was); and the mystery of his end was never unravelled.

In 1842 and 1848 the Great Western and the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth Railways were built through the Corsham and Laycock lands; and joint conveyances to the Companies of the lands taken in these parishes were made by Lady Neale and John Corbet Neale.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1853, John Corbett Neale died and was buried at Yate.

Dame Grace Elizabeth Neale, who survived him, died 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1855, and was buried in Lee Churchyard, Blackheath. On her death, Robert Neale of Yate succeeded as tenant-in-tail to the Mansion House and Copyhold lands at Corsham, but all the freehold estates in the counties of Wilts, Dorset and Gloucester were sold under the will of his father, John Corbett Neale. Wixoldbury was however purchased by Robert Neale and retained in the family, as well as some freeholds at Laycock and at Corsham near his copyholds there.

In 1865 Robert Neale, then of Corsham, and the Right Hon<sup>b</sup> Fred<sup>k</sup> Henry Paul, Baron Methuen, executed mutual releases of the copyhold lands of which invalid exchanges had been made by their predecessors in title under the Corsham Enclosure Act of June, 1816.

Of the Neale estates the only portions now remaining in the family are the Mansion House at Corsham with adjoining lands and the Manor place of Wixoldbury with the lands thereto belonging.

Having traced the fortunes of the elder branch of the family from their migration from Yate to Corsham in about 1700 down to the death of Dame Grace Elizabeth Neale, the last of that branch, in 1855, it will be convenient to turn now to the more immediate consideration of the records relating to the lands that came into their possession during that period, some of which are of considerable interest.

The Corsham Records more immediately deal with the King's and the Rectory Manors of Corsham. The history of the King's Manor extends back to remote times; and Ethelred, the Inglorious, is said to have kept his Court there. King John gave the Manor to his 2nd son, Richard, Earl of Cornwall (brother of Henry III.), who went into the Holy Land *anno* 1240. He emulated the deeds of his uncle, Richard Cœur de Lion, after whom he was named. He married Sanchia of Provence, sister both of Queen Eleanor, wife of

his brother Henry III., and of Marguerite, wife of St. Louis, King of France. He was appointed by Henry co-regent of England with Queen Eleanor: and he was crowned (with his wife Sanchia) King of the Romans at Aachen, the ancient capital of Charlemagne, as head of the German Empire. Until the birth of Edward I. in 1239 he was heir to the English crown. His sister, Isabella, married the Emperor Frederick II. (the most remarkable man of his age, of whom Dante makes mention, son of the Norman Constance and grandson of the renowned King Roger). On two occasions we find him in Sicily: and he twice declined the Pope's offer of a throne in Sicily and Germany. He was buried beside his wife Sanchia, at the Cistercian Abbey of Hayles, founded by himself near Winchcomb. And so they two (the brilliant brother of the chief builder of England's most hallowed fane and the very beautiful daughter of Provence), having ruled in the Royal Manor of Corsham and assumed the imperial purple of Charlemagne, at the close of their life's fitful fever sleep their sleep beneath the most sacred soil of Gloucestershire. Richard's natural daughter, Isabel, married Maurice of Berkeley. Harun of Hartham and Gilbert, then Prior of Corsham, were (*inter alia*) witnesses to the Earl Richard's grant to the tenants of Corsham, which is still preserved.

The first admittance of Robert Neale of Yate and Corsham to land in the King's Manor was made on 26 October, 1721, and comprised 2 acres of land, parcel of Broadmead, adjoining the King's highway from Laycock to Bath, on the south side thereof, situate in the Town Tything; and on it the Mansion House was built by him (1721-1724). The Lords of the King's Manor appearing in these records are:—(1) Maria Queen Consort of England, 1646; (2) Sir James Long, 1677; (3) Dame Dorothea Long, 1692; (4) Sir James Long, 1707; (5) Jacob Long, 1721; (6) Sir Robert Long, Bart., 1729; (7) Lionel Duckett, 1734; (8) Thomas Duckett of Hartham, 1754; (9) Francis Earl Brook and Earl of Warwick, 1770; (10) Paul Methuen, 1774; (11) Paul Cobb Methuen, 1795; (12) Paul Methuen, 1820; (13), the Right Hon<sup>b</sup> Frederick Henry Paul, Lord Methuen, 1859: and the Stewards are—(1) Charles Gore, Knight; (2) Jonathan Rogers, 1677; (3) Henry Goldney, 1720; (4) Thomas Tattersall,

1729; (5) John Bull, 1734; (6) Henry Merewether, 1770; (7) Daniel Clutterbuck, 1807; (8) John Merewether, 1817; (9) William Rugg, 1820; (10) Edward Mitchell, 1830; and (11) F. A. S. Locke, 1836.

In the Corsham Records the following names of some interest also appear:—Lancelot Shadwell, J. Mansfield, Francis Turner, W<sup>m</sup>. Dugmore, Bartle Frere, Hayter, Stump, Creswell, Hyde (Lord), Bayntun, Montague, Penruddock Wyndham, Bradshaw, Grey, Shelburn (Earl of), and Petty.

The Rectory Manor of Corsham, comprising about 1/7<sup>th</sup> of the parish, was originally granted by William the Conqueror to the Monastery of St. Stephen at Caen. Edward the 4<sup>th</sup> gave it to the Monastery of Our Lady of Lyon. At the dissolution it was granted to William Spicer, and afterwards to Thomas Smith, brother-in-law of Geo. Downes, of Corsham. The Manor, with the impropriate Rectory of Corsham, glebe, tithes, &c., were conveyed by Edward Gale, trustee of the estate of Geo. Downes, to Robert Neale of Corsham, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1743. If the foregoing account of the Neales of Berkeley and Yate is veritable, then it follows that the owner of the Rectory Manor of Corsham in 1743 was a kinsman of the owners of the King's Manor of Corsham in 996, and for long generations afterwards, and that his family was connected with Corsham even before William granted the Rectory Manor to the Monastery of St. Stephen at Caen, before their connection with Berkeley and Yate and the County of Gloucester, and long before the Earl of Cornwall's grant to the tenants of Corsham.

Under the Will of Thomas Duckett, M.P. for Calne (who in 1773 sold to W<sup>m</sup> Petty, Earl of Shelburn, the Hundred of Calne and the Manor of Calne and Calston, with the advowson of the Rectory of Calston) Grace Neale, wife of Robert Neale of Shaw House, became entitled to a life interest in the estates of the said Thomas Duckett at Hartham and Hatt in Wilts, with remainders to her sons and daughters in tail. The Ducketts were settled at Calne in 1582 and represented that borough in Parliament for nearly two centuries. For references to earlier members of this family see list of Ducketts (p. 90).

Smith's Tenement, Notton, Laycock, purchased by Robert Neale of Yate and Corsham in 1727, was originally parcel of the Manor of Notton, of which the Earl of Westmoreland was lord in 1625 (22 James) : and William Chamberlain, gentleman, was a witness to the conveyance of the estate by the Earl and others to Edward Haywarde in 1649. It has been stated that the late Colonial Secretary, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, traces his descent from the Chamberlains of Laycock. Other names of interest are Despencer (and Spencer), Burghersh, Fane, Hales (Sir Edward), Hungerford, Montague, Beach, Talbot, Awdry, Goddard and Goldney.

Littlecott Farm, Hillmarton, Wilts, purchased by Robert Neale of Yate and Corsham in 1732, was in 1677 parcel of the estate of Sir Robert Button of Tockenham Court, Lyneham, Wilts, a name well known in the history of the county : and Thomas Cromwell, of the Inner Temple, is a party to a release of the property in 1707. His signature is remarkable. Another name of interest is Mompesson.

The title to Hatton Lodge in the Forest of Braydon, Wilts, commences with a most interesting lease for a term of years, dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1669, by Queen Catherine of Braganza, to which her seal is attached, and to which her High Steward and other great officers of State are parties. The conveying parties to Robert Neale the elder and Robert Neale the younger in 1733 and 1747 were Betty Pleydell of Braydon and Paul Jodrell of Lincoln's Inn: and it will be remembered that in 1847 both Robert Neale the younger and this Paul Jodrell had seats in Parliament for Wotton Bassett and Old Sarum respectively. Other names are Holles, Chesterfield, Brouncker (Viscount) and Cornbury (Viscount).

Light's Farm (anciently Fords-in-the-Well), West Yatton, Yatton Keynall, Wilts, purchased by Robert Neale of Corsham in 1738, was formerly parcel of the Manor of Erridge (Eweredge) which was held by Malmesbury Abbey until the dissolution of the Monastery. The estate was conveyed in November, 1724, by Henry, Duke of Kent, K.G., and Mary, Countess of Kent (his mother) sole daughter and heir of John, then late Lord Lucas dec<sup>d</sup>, to Thomas Jacob of Ashley, Wilts, and by him in 1738 to Robert Neale (cf : p. 60).

The title to Hulbert's Tenement and lands in Notton, Laycock, purchased in 1767, is very similar to that to Smith's Tenement. It dates back to 1623: and William Chamberlain, gentleman, is again a witness to the conveyance in May 1649, by the Earl of Westmoreland and others to John Dean of Laycock and others.

Manor of Melksham Canonhold, Wilts—In 1762 the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Sarum demised to Thomas Goddard of Swindon, Wilts, upon trust for lives the Manor and Parsonage of Melksham, lands in the Town fields and the advowson of the Vicarage: and under an agreement, dated April 1768, between Thomas Goddard, John Awdry, Ambrose Awdry and Robert Neale, the latter acquired certain interests for lives in certain messuages and lands in the Tything of Whitley and Shaw and in Shaw Hill.

The Manor lands and Advowson of Great Chalfield, with the Constableship of Trowbridge, were purchased in 1769 by Robert Neale, from Evelyn, Duke of Kingston and the celebrated and much maligned Elizabeth, Duchess of Kingston, the property having at an early period belonged to the Percys and Tropnells, Lords of the Manor.

This Duke of Kingston lived at the beautiful Kingston House at Bradford-on-Avon, believed to have been built by the famous architect John of Padua, and the British Pavilion at the Great Paris International Exhibition of 1900 was a copy of this Mansion.

About the year 1774 Robert Neale, the father, made a vault in the Church of Great Chalfield for his family and gave a benefaction of £200 to the Church. *See* Pugin's 'Examples of Gothic Architecture—The Manor House and Church at Great Chalfield, Wiltshire.'

It appears from the earlier history of Chalfield that Walter Tropnell of Sopworth and of Much and Little Sherston (whose nephew, John Maltravers, 'had the keeping of ye king Edward to his death'), married Catherine, daughter of Sir William Percy, Knight,

Lord of Much Chaldefield, otherwise East Chalfield. The said Walter Tropnell gave his lands in Sopworth to his daughter Galiana : and she gave the same unto the house of Monckton ffarley. Thomas Tropenell, the descendant of the said Walter and Catherine his wife, built the existing Manor House of Great Chalfield in the reign of Henry VI. ; and his son Thomas married the daughter of Mr. John Eyre. Their eldest daughter married Mr. Green of Milton, co. Somerset (*see* Robert Neale of Yate, b. 1617, p. 76). Mrs. Jane Eyre of Neston, a descendant of John Eyre and Miss Tropnell, married Sir John Hanham, Bart., of Wymbourn, co. Dorset, who inherited Great Chalfield: and Sir John sold Chalfield to John Hall of Bradford. This John Hall gave all his estate to Rachel Bayntun, daughter of Thomas Bayntun of Little Chalfield, and Elizabeth daughter of Sir George Willoughby of Bishopstone. Rachel Bayntun married before 1711 William Pierrepont, styled Viscount Newark and Earl of Kingston. He died 1 July, 1713; and Rachel, his wife, died 4 July, 1722. Their son, Evelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke and 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kingston-upon-Hull, Marquess of Dorchester, &c., K.G., b. 1711, married 8 March, 1769, at St. George's, Hanover Square, Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Chudleigh, Governor of Chelsea Hospital. She was born about 1720 and had married privately 4 August, 1744, Augustus John Hervey (afterwards Earl of Bristol), from whom she had obtained a divorce *a mensa et thoro* early in 1769. She joined with the Duke in the conveyance of the Chalfield estate to Robert Neale on 5 April, 1769, within a month of their marriage. The names also of Wyndham, Penruddock, Beach, Denzill Onslow of Pirfont, Surrey, Goddard of Standen, Sir Robert Eyre, Knight, Justice of the Queen's Bench, Bayntun, Sir Edward Seymour (afterwards 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Somerset), two Paul Methuens of Bradford (1708), William Duckett (1770) and George Duckett (1823) with others, appear upon the title.

Roger Tropenell and his wife (*circ.* 1300) lie buried under an altar tomb in the North East Chantry of Corsham Church. Thomas Tropenell and Agnes his wife (daughter of William Ludlow, Lord of Hill Deverell), lie buried under another altar tomb of marvellous size and beauty in the same Chantry.

In 1772 and 1776 Robert Neale acquired two fourths of an estate known as Whitley Farm, situate in Whitley, Shaw, Beanacre, Forest of Blackmore, Melksham, Atworth or Atford, Bradford and the Manor of Corsham, and formerly belonging to Cha<sup>s</sup> Milsom and George Milsom, of Bath.

In 1774 he acquired from Parsons of Beanacre a small estate called Princes in Beanacre, together with the 'seat, pew, or sitting place in a seat or pew in Melksham Church occupied and enjoyed by Robert Parsons and his ancestors, and belonging to the said premises.'

In 1774 he acquired about one half of a tenement with 'the Hamms' in Beanacre and common of pasture in Blackmore and Whitley. The names of Fettiplace, John Kyrle Ernle of Whetham (1714), Mayo, Stantiall, Smith and Rutty appear upon the title; and there is a fine seal to a recovery of 1802 and a portrait of George III. in the initial letter.

As previously mentioned, the Shaw House estates, Norwood Lodge, Glastonbury, and the Rectory Manor of Kinnerley, Salop, came to Mrs. Elizabeth Neale, wife of Robert Neale of Corsham, upon the death of her brother, John Smith of Shaw House, without issue in 1757. He had married in 1726 Mary Harvey, daughter of John Harvey of Cole Park, Malmesbury, and Sarah, his wife (Mrs. Harvey of Smith's Diary). Shortly afterwards the family assumed the name of Lovell. Cole Park is still their seat; and in Malmesbury Abbey are several monuments, as well as other memorials (including an old oak chest, saddest of them all) in memory of deceased members of the family.

In 1701, Thomas Smith, then of Melksham, the father of the above John Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Neale, purchased of John Ashe of Dinton, Wilts, and Sarah, his wife, the Mansion House, called Shaw or Shaw Farm and land, and on part thereof built a capital messuage or tenement, stables, dovehouses, coachhouses and other outhouses, and made the same a seat for his family. There are articles dated 10 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1557 (4 and 5 Philip and Mary), between

Andrew Baynton and John Gerrish of Melksham, gent.; and his great grandson, William Gerrish, in October, 1637, conveyed Shaw Farm and land to John Ashe of Freshford, Somerset, whose descendant conveyed the estate to Thomas Smith. The deeds relating to this estate relate to other lands at Rotheridge, Melksham, and at Rowde; and the names Eyre (of Chalfield), Webb, Methuen, Hall, Selfe, Norris, Awdry, Houlton, Fettiplace, Ernle (whose ancestor was the distinguished Attorney General in 1509), Harvey, Thresher, Pitt, Froud, Long, Lowe, Brodrib, Rosewell, Lucas, Walton and Lovell appear upon the title.

This Thomas Smith, the father of Mrs. Elizabeth Neale, is the author of the Diary to which reference has already more than once been made, and which has been found of great assistance in the preparation of the Lists of the Smiths of Shaw, Selfes of Beanacre, Norris of Nonsuch, and the Webbs of Monckton Farley, with the Seymours.

How one loves the honest squire. Who but his cotemporary, that most refined and dainty humorist, Addison, could faithfully portray him? Unless indeed he has with his own pen drawn an even truer picture of himself, fit after its kind to hang in Pitti or Pantheon as a worthy exemplar of the manners, customs and courtesy of the happy England of that day. In his regular attendance with his family in his pew at Melksham, to listen to his pastor and friend, Bohun Fox of blessed Winchester memory, he declares his attachment to the Church; in his conferences with the surrounding gentry to discuss the merits and fitness of candidates to represent his county in Parliament and his journeying to Salisbury, putting up at the Angel or Blew Boar, to take part in the selection of a member for the Shire, we see his devotion to the State; and his constant duty to his rather exacting mother, and his ever loving regard and affection for his home, his children and his kith and kin are worthy of immortal record.

With what interest we accompany him on his journey to Oxford with his son John, in the company of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>r</sup> Selfe of Bromham, that he may enter his boy at Oriel under the tutorship

of Mr. Brooke to make a man of him and that he may in his turn keep up the family name: then dining at the Provost's House in the company of Audley Harvey and others, and then on his return journey through Purton, Farringdon and Swindon, staying there the night with his old friend Mr. Goddard.

What a picture of the bliss and charm of country life does he ever present to us. We never tire of accompanying him when he goes out walking with his gun or into his fields with a friend to find a hare. He is never happier than when out with his setting dog, Countess, Dido or Peep; or with Tiptoe, Hero, Topsy, Dolly and Fly, on coursing expeditions with his sons; or with 'Jacky' and his pet greyhound. How poor Wat, far from their alarms and pursuit, must have stood upon his hinder legs and thought of the many musits through the which he'd go: and yet he finds time to attend to his family business, for friendly converse with his tenants, to see to his marl pits and his servants and his hay, and to the erection of a fitting monument to the memory of his never-to-be-forgotten spouse and children.

He is fond of his horses, too (Cinderella—whose rhythmic paces never were surpassed—the Queen, Cricket and Sunflower), and is constantly in the saddle, either on short excursions to Beanacre, Nonsuch, and elsewhere in his own neighbourhood, or on longer journeys to his outlying estates in Somersetshire and Dorsetshire, or to Oxford or Salisbury or London. Many are the appointments he has with Mr. Seymour to go hunting in Atford Field with the beagles, or with Mr. Harding's hounds at Broughton. Again we are off with him to the Warminster Downs to see the races, or at Clacken Down to see a purse for £40 run for.

Now we take horse and ride with him on his way to town through Newbury, staying at the Bear at Reading and then on by coach to the Bell Savage on Ludgate Hill, and thence to his lodging at the Cheshire Cheese in Arundel Street, or at the Angel Inn behind St. Clement's: and for a few days we combine business with pleasure in his company. There is a visit to be made to Change Alley and to the South Sea House: on Sunday we go with him in the morning to

St. Clement's (where some 50 years hence his grandson, Rob<sup>t</sup> Neale the younger, was to marry Miss Grace Goldstone), and in the afternoon to the service at St. Paul's: on other days we go with him to call on Mrs. Tuck and Mr. Selfe Norris and others, looking in for refreshment at the Sign of the Dolphin on Ludgate Hill, or the Mitre Tavern in Fleet Street, as suits our pleasure and convenience, in the company of Mr. Josiah Diston, Member for Devizes, and other friends up from the country; finally finishing up the day at the Play House.

As we are present and witness his signing at the Mitre Tavern in Fleet Street the presentation to the Rectory of Draycott Foliot, as patron and trustee on behalf of his friend Mr. Goddard of Swindon, we cannot fail to call to mind what important business Taverns were wont to be the scenes of in those earlier days, as well as that far more important ecclesiastical transaction alleged to have taken place in another Tavern in Cheapside, which however bore not the sign of a Bishop's Mitre.

Then there is the return journey by easy stages along the King's great highway from London to Bath, through Windsor, Hungerford and Marlborough, where he calls at the Three Tuns, and at length turning off at Calne, and taking the byways past Mr. Ernle's at Whetham, along Sandy Lane to Nonsuch and Bromham, and so home.

What a constant round of visits he makes to his neighbours and friends, to Beanacre almost daily to see Brother Selfe and Sister Selfe, or to welcome home Mr. Lucas Selfe and his travelling companion Mr. Wallis on their return after 14 months in Italy, Southern Germany and Holland; to Jacob Selfe and Captain Selfe of Melksham, and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Selfe of Bromham; to Mr. Webb of Monckton Farley, and to Mr. Seymour and Mr. Somner of Seend, and his other friends Mr. Awdry, Mr. Bissey and Mrs. Coulston there; to Mr. Norris of Nonsuch, and Mr. Wallis of Lucknam; to Mr. Talbot at Laycock and Mr. Rolt at Spy Park; to Mr. Goddard of Rudly and Mr. Guppy of Pickwick; to Mr. Kington of Jaggards and Mr. Tuck of Goatacre; to Mr. Methuen of

Bradford, Mrs. Harvey at Cole Park and Mr. Goddard of Swindon. He is ever a welcome guest to all; and there is the constant exchange of hospitality and the oft repeated tale of punch and October with venison of Spy Park, which like the Homeric chine ever and anon crowns the feast. Mr. Child of Devizes calls on him as he passes one day, his cousin Nicholas of Roundway another; and at some other time Mr. Merewether, the clergyman: and his housekeepers, Betty and Peggy, are constantly exchanging visits with their friends at Broughton, at Beanacre and Bath.

We constantly find him on visits to Monckton Farley to discuss with the Master there family matters and business, or to take him news of his scapegrace nephew Robert, whom he has come across in town sorely down at heels. As often we go with him to Bath on visits of duty and affection to his testy parent, who like Mr. Goddard of Swindon suffers from gout. It may be he will take Bath and his mother on his way through Wells to the Rose and Crown at Glastonbury, and thence on to the Dorsetshire Downs, through Somerton to Beaminster, Catsley and Corscombe, returning home through Shepton Mallett, Frome and Trowbridge. In a word he carries us with him through the length and breadth of Alfred's land, from Salisbury and Warminster Downs to Badminton, from the Castle Inn of Stanley Weyman to the distant recesses of Thomas Hardy's Wessex. Nor must we forget the Club at John Beavan's at Melksham, where the country friends and neighbours were regularly used to foregather in force to discuss the affairs of the nation, the wool market and the price of fat lambs.

How well must the Master of Shaw House have known from his earliest childhood, and later when a schoolboy at Marlborough (where 'Watty' went to school, too), those majestic ramparts of the great plain, as they frown over Melksham Forest and the rich valley stretching onwards to the Mendips and the Cotswold, and under which famous Edinton nestles. How familiar to him every bend and reach of the Avon river, from its source on the slopes of the Cotswold, only a bow shot or two from the Sodbury Camps that overlooked the hospitable roof of Sir John Walsh, where the persecuted Tyndale found shelter at his task; onward

along its meandering course by ancient Sherston, and Malmesbury and Chippenham, a veritable Tugela of the Saxon and Dane; thence on its course through silent meadows to Laycock, where the wild fowl come to feed in the frost, where the otter revels in seclusion about his native fields and flood, and where a trout-bearing stream, rising away up in the Pickwick Fields, comes down to deliver his tribute of centuries to his time-coeval overlord; thence by the busy centres of Melksham, Bradford and Bath, on his way to the mighty Severn, the king of all rivers and seas. How he knew and loved it all.

How delightfully the house (with its stables, dovehouses, and coachhouses, built by him as a seat for his family) and its masters, father and son, and all its appurtenances recall to our minds the golden days and times of Esmond and the Virginians. But while the first master of Shaw was engaged, as we have seen, upon his diary and we know not on what other delightful trifles, Robert Neale, who came from Yate, was busy building his house at Corsham, of which 'Betty' was one day to become the mistress, and busily sending waggon after waggon, piled up with bales of purple stuff, along the famous old-world highway, stretching from London through Laycock to the City of Bath, upon which his buildings, and the parcel of Broadmead in the Town Tything upon which they were built, abutted.

Elizabeth Smith, wife of the Diarist and mother of Elizabeth the wife of Robert Neale of Corsham, was, it will be seen (p. 89), daughter of Daniel Webb of Melksham and first cousin to Daniel Webb of Monckton Farley, the father of Mary, Duchess of Somerset.

The Webbs were an old and numerous family both in Wilts and Gloucestershire; and in both counties were largely engaged in the cloth trade. There are several ancient mural tablets to members of this family to be seen in the parish Church of Rowde, Wilts: and in the vestry of the neighbouring Church of Bromham (a little village like a martin's nest clinging to the eaves of Wiltshire's westering downs) Hugo Webbe (father of George Webb, author, Bishop of Limerick, and Chaplain to Charles, Prince of Wales), 'quondam Rector' of the parish, who died 12 Novr., 1597, will be found done

in stone some 3 yards only from Tom Moore's resting place. There also under the same roof is that marvellously beautiful chapel of the Bayntuns (a name so frequently recurring in the records which follow), which no tomb of Doge amid the water-logged lagoons of Venice or chapel of the Visconti in the silent solitude of Pavia can perhaps approach, and certainly cannot surpass. Under the same roof too is a monument to Wm. Norris, 'Armiger' of Lincoln's Inn (and Nonsuch), who died 7 Sept., 1730, erected by John Norris, 'Armiger,' his heir and executor.

Another distinguished member of the Wiltshire family of Webb was General John Richmond Webb, insatiable fighter of indomitable pluck, of Rodbourne Cheney (1667-1724), who fought at Blenheim, Ramillies, Oudenarde, Malplaquet and on so many other fields, and who lies in Lugershall Church. (cf : Charters 278-280, and 489-492.) With his family the grandfather of the immortal Thackeray became allied by his marriage in 1776 with Amelia Webb, the godmother of 'Emmy' in 'Vanity Fair.'

Elizabeth Smith was also the niece of Isaac Selfe of Beanacre, 'Brother Selfe' of the Diary: and the connection of the Smiths and Selfes with Norris of Nonsuch, Webbs and Seymours is also shown in the Lists which follow.

In the S.E. Chapel of Melksham parish Church are several monuments of Selfes and Smiths, from one of which it appears that Penelope, daughter of Francis (Leke), 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Scarsdale (Extinct Peerage), was the mother of 'Brother' Selfe's second wife, the daughter and co-heiress of Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Lucas of Shenfield, co. Essex. This Lord Lucas was nephew of John, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Lucas, and cousin of Mary (sole daughter and heir of John, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord), who in 1663 was created Baroness Lucas of Crudwell, co. Wilts, who married Anthony Grey (Ruthyn), 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kent, and was mother by him of Henry Grey, Lord Lucas, 12<sup>th</sup> Earl and 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Kent, upon whose death all his honours became extinct, excepting the Marquisate de Grey and the Barony of Lucas. The Duke, his father and mother, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Lucas, it will be seen, are mentioned in the following records relating to the title to Fords-in-the-Well, Yatton Keynall, Wilts. (cf : Charters 302-308).

To return to our trusty parchments and to Littlecott. The title thereto commences with a very interesting deed of settlement, dated 1 January, 1612, executed by the Right Hon<sup>b</sup> Sir Edward Seymour, Knight, Baron Beauchamp and Earl of Hertford, the eldest son (by his 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage) of the Protector Somerset, and the husband of Lady Catherine Grey (sister of Lady Jane Grey), both of whom were committed to the Tower. By this deed Littlecott was entailed upon the Earl's grandson, Francis Seymour, esquire (afterwards Baron Seymour of Trowbridge), and the heirs of his body, with remainders in default successively to Edward Seymour, esquire, and William Seymour, esquire, afterwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke, (brothers of the said Francis) in tail male. This William Seymour was afterwards created Marquis of Hertford and clandestinely married the charming, accomplished and cruelly persecuted Arabella Stuart (cousin of King James), in consequence of which he was compelled to fly the Kingdom. In 1660 he was restored to the Dukedom of Somerset. He was Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and was buried at Bedwyn Magna, Wilts. The 2 deeds (dated 1646 and 1647), by which Littlecott was conveyed by Francis Lord Trowbridge and Charles Seymour, his son, to John Romen, the ancestor of Mrs. Elizabeth Neale (*née* Smith) were both witnessed by (*inter alia*) Tho<sup>r</sup> Childe. He was related to Sir Francis Child (1642-1713) of Headington, near Devizes, the first of the Bankers of that name at Temple Bar: and another Mr. Child of Devizes is mentioned by Thomas Smith in his Diary (1721). Other names appearing on these title deeds are Prynne (Sir Gilbert), Nicholas Hyde, Button, Sadlier, and Robert Nicholas.

Norwood Lodge in Norwood Park, Glastonbury, parcel of the dissolved monastery, was purchased by Robert Smyth of Froome Zellwood, clothier, the grandfather of Tho<sup>r</sup> Smith of Shaw, in March, 1654. The records commence in 1641: and the names of Sir Cha<sup>r</sup> Berkeley (1641), Sir John Sydenham and Sir Ralph Sydenham (1642) Alexander Lord Ashburton and Frederick Baring (1837) appear upon the title: as also the names of Strode and Berkeley.

The Manor of Toller Wylme and Catscliffe, with the rights, members, and appurtenances, in or near the parish of Corscombe in Dorset, was conveyed in October, 1664, by John Tregonwell of Anderston, Dorset, John Pitt and Robert Pitt of Blandford St. Mary and Blandford Forum, Dorset, and others, to Tho<sup>o</sup> Smith of Froome Zellwood, the father of Tho<sup>o</sup> Smith of Shaw. The names of John, Marquis of Winton, Lord Charles, Henry and Edward Powlett (1630), Walter Pope (1664), Ezekiel Pope (1732) and William Pope and Benjamin Pope (1830) appear upon the title. There is a fine portrait of William in the initial letter of a Recovery of 1696. Other names appearing on the title are Penny, Chamberlyn and Grace.

The Rectory and Church of Kinnerley in the County of Salop, parcel of the Priory of Hall Stone, then lately of St. John of Jerusalem in England, lately dissolved, was in October, 1671, conveyed to Tho<sup>o</sup> Smith, the father of Tho<sup>o</sup> Smith of Shaw, by Robert Hyde, Giles Clutterbuck, and others. There is an early demise of the Rectory and all tythes by Tho<sup>o</sup> Duckworth, the then Prior of the Hospital: and there are grants by Henry VIII. to Lawrence Hyde, gent., in 1542, by Edward VI. to Tho<sup>o</sup> Cox in 1553, and by Queen Elizabeth to Rob<sup>o</sup> Davye and another in 1560.

It will be seen by reference to the list of the Smith family that Thomas Smith (the Diarist's) mother was Miss Elizabeth Chaloner, daughter of Robert Chaloner of Roundway (cf: Charters 579-581), and that his grandmother was Miss Anne Nicholas, daughter of Robert Nicholas of Roundway, and that his father's 3 sisters married respectively Francis Mercer of Newsarum, Edward Froud of Newsarum and Edward Maddox of London. Upon the marriage of the Diarist's father with Miss Chaloner a settlement was made of a farm known as Ballowe or Great Ballowe with other lands in the parish of Froome Zellwood. This settlement is dated in December, 1666, the parties thereto being Robert Smith, the husband's father, Thomas Smith, the husband, Robert Chaloner of Roundway, the wife's father, and Robert Nicholas of Roundway, and John Nicholas, of the University of Oxford, who were probably the brothers of Mrs. Robert Smith, the husband's mother.

Robert Nicholas of Roundway, the father of the above Robert and John Nicholas, is believed to be the Robert Nicholas of Queen's College, Oxford, who matriculated 11 May, 1610, age 15, afterwards Barrister-at-law of the Middle Temple, M.P. for Devizes in the Long Parliament, and Baron of the Exchequer, 1654-9. This Robert Nicholas was some near connection of Sir Edward Nicholas of Winterbourne Earls, Wilts, who also matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, 25 October, 1611, aged 18, also a student of the Middle Temple, principal secretary to Charles I., 1641-9, and an exile with Charles II. (for references to him *see* Pepys' Diary).

The above John Nicholas, party to the marriage settlement, was a Scholar of Winchester, matriculated at New College, Oxford, 2 July, 1658; Warden of New College 30 June, 1675; D.D. 1675; Vice-Chancellor 1677-9; Warden of Winchester College 1679-1711; builder of 'School'; Canon of Sarum; Master of St. Nicholas Hospital, Salisbury; Canon of Winchester; and was buried in the Cathedral.

Thomas Smith, the Diarist's father, died in 1674; and his executors were his mother Anne and his brothers-in-law Francis Mercer, Edward Froud and Edward Maddox.

In St. James' Church, Devizes, there is a fine monument to Robert Nicholas of Devizes, 'Justiciarius,' who died 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1722, aged 64. By his first marriage with Martha, daughter of Henry Bright, he had 3 children, Robert, Anna and John, born 1688-1691; and by his second marriage with Jane, only daughter of John Child of Devizes (who died 21 Septr. 1725) he had 4 children, John Child, Edward, Thomas and Jane, born 1694-1701. The connection of the Nicholas family with the Childs is thus shown: and doubtless 'Coz Nicholas and his family,' with whom the Diarist dined at Devizes on 19 October, 1721, and the Mr. Child, who after dinner came the same day with Mr. Sadlier and Mr. Brookes to Shaw House, were the Robert Nicholas of Devizes and John Child of Devizes mentioned on the above monument.

As above stated the Mansion House, Corsham, was built on parcel of a close called Broadmead, which was parcel of the Arnold

estate at Corsham. This land was part of one of 'Three Home Closes of meadow or pasture,' which with other lands were surrendered by Thomas Colborne to Robert Colborne his son, on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1646 (22 Charles), Maria, Queen Consort of England, being then the Lady of the Manor.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1692, Thomas Colborne of Seene, yeoman, son of the above Robert and Mary his wife, made a surrender in trust for William Arnold the younger of Corsham and Jane his wife, of a large portion of the lands comprised in the above surrender of 1646. This surrender in trust was made pursuant to an agreement dated 6 November, 1677 (29 Charles II.), between William Gibbons of Corsham, clothier (the grandfather of Sir William Gibbons, Bart., Speaker of the House of Assembly in Barbadoes), William Arnold the elder of Laycock, mercer, the above William Arnold the younger of Corsham, mercer, John Gibbons of Corsham, clothier, and John Gibbons of Corsham, yeoman, being an agreement for settlement by way of jointure on the marriage of the said William Arnold the younger with Jane Gibbons, the daughter of William Gibbons.

On 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1704, Robert Neale of Yate married Sarah, the daughter of the above William and Jane Arnold: and on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1721, Jane Arnold and William Arnold, her son, surrendered to the same Robert Neale, the parcel of a close called Broadmead, upon which the Mansion House, Corsham, was built by him, and of which a surrender and admittance by way of settlement was made by him on 22 October, 1729, in lieu of Neale's tenement and lands at Yate, settled by the same Robert Neale on 18 June, 1708 (7 Anne), upon himself, his wife Sarah and their heirs, but subsequently sold to Sir William Codrington.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1737, Longmead adjoining to the West side of the Mansion House, other part of the Arnold Estate and of the 'Three Home Closes' were surrendered by William Arnold and others to Robert Neale, son of the above Robert and Sarah; and it is now held with the house. 'Bowleaze, adjoining Robert Neale's Home Close in Town Tything,' was purchased 25 October, 1749, and the 2 pieces now form one field.

In May and November, 1891, other portions of the above Arnold Estate were surrendered to Mr. John Alexander Neale, when numerous ancient records belonging to that estate came into his possession.

Reverting to the titles to Hatton Lodge in the Forest of Braydon (p. 51, Charters 292-301) and to the Rectory of Kinnerley (p. 62, Charters 557-575) names and persons of interest are met with deserving of some short notice. Chief among them comes the Wiltshire family of the Hydes of Dinton and Salisbury. Henry Viscount Cornbury, in the lease of Hatton Lodge by Catherine of Braganza, was the eldest son of Edward Hyde, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Clarendon and the distinguished writer of the 'History of the Rebellion.' He became 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl on his father's death. His brother Laurence (to whom Oxford is debtor) was created Earl of Rochester in 1681: and their sister Anne became Duchess of York and mother of Queens Mary and Anne. The 1<sup>st</sup> Earl sat in Parliament for Wootton Bassett in 1640, and his son Laurence for the same borough in 1679.

Laurence Hyde to whom Henry VIII. demised the Rectory of Kinnerley in 1542 (Ch. 558) was probably the grandfather of Edward 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Clarendon: and Robert Hyde (son and heir apparent of Alexander Hyde), who with others of his family conveyed the Rectory to Thomas Smith in 1671 (Ch. 569), was evidently Robert, son of Alexander Hyde, brother of Edward Hyde (Bishop of Salisbury) and nephew of Nicholas Hyde (Chief Justice of England), and the 1<sup>st</sup> cousin of the Historian.

Nicholas Hyde, the witness to the settlement by Sir Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford, on his 3 grandsons (Ch. 452), is probably the above Nicholas, uncle of the Historian, who later on became Chief Justice.

Denzell Lord Holles, Catherine's High Steward, had been a great figure throughout the struggle between the King and Parliament.

Phillipp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Chesterfield, might fairly be termed a 'queer fish,' and was grandfather of the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl, the wit and author of the world-famed 'Letters' to his son.

W<sup>m</sup> Viscount Brouncker was greatly distinguished as a Mathematician at Oxford and was the first President of the Royal Society, in whose possession there is a portrait of him by Sir Peter Lely. He was also President of Gresham College.

Sir W<sup>m</sup> Montagu afterwards became Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

In the miscellaneous records (Neale and Smith) mention will be found of the following names of persons (among others):—Sir George Horner of Wells (1669); Robert Nicholas (1636); Richard, Lord Protector (1658); William Webb and Nicholas Webb (1648); Daniel Webb of Monckton Farley (1731); Gab. Goldney (1779); and James Farrer of Chancery Lane (1784).

In the same records (several of which are very curious) mention is also found of the following places:—Buckholt Warren, Wilts; Winterbourne Shurborough, Wilts; Queensford, Calne; Bremhill; Enfield, Middlesex; Pudding Lane, London; Raddicott or Radcott or Rottcott Wear, with Little Frogmore, Great Frogmore and Frogmore Marsh, all in Berks and Oxon (1621); Chertsey (1702); Poulters Meades, Norbiton, Surrey (1596); Lumpitt Mills, Wandsworth (1596); Caton Remnell, Wilts; Melksham Forest: also the names of 7 Inns in Calne in the year 1635.

"Then, were not Summer's distillation left,  
"A liquid prisoner pent in walls of glass,  
"Beauty's effect with beauty were bereft,  
"Nor it, nor no remembrance what it was.  
"But flowers distill'd, though they with Winter meet,  
"Leese but their show; their substance still lives sweet."

J. A. N.

TEMPLE HOUSE, E.C.

1905.

## NEALES

## PREVIOUS TO SETTLEMENT AT YATE.

## BERKELEY CASTLE CHARTERS.

CHRISTIAN NAME.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
NIGELLUS	filius Arthuri	m. Aldena, d. of Robert Fitzharding (son of Harding) 1st Lord of Berkeley, who supported the cause of the Empress Maud and her son, Henry Duke of Normandy, against Stephen, was Reeve or Steward of Bristol under Stephen, founded the Abbey of St. Augustine there in 1140, obtained from Duke Henry in 1153 ' <i>in recompence of his grete costes and kyndenes</i> ' a grant of the manor of Berkeley with an undertaking to build a castle there, thus founding the fortunes of his house. This Nigellus was one of the 8 'probi viri,' who in the same year (1153) were witnesses and sureties for the said Robert Fitzharding to the marriage contract (Charter No. 4) between him and Roger de Berckele, made in the house of the said Robert at Bristol, in the presence of Henry, Duke of Normandy, whereby it was covenanted that Maurice, son of Robert Fitzharding, should take in marriage the daughter of Roger de Berckele, and that Roger, son and heir of Roger de Berckele, should take in marriage the daughter of the said Rodbert Fitzharding, with the manor of Siston for dowry. The 8 'probi viri' for Rodbert Fitzharding included Hugo de Hasela, his brother-in-law, the above Nigellus son of Arthur, his son-in-law, 2 brothers, Helias and Jordanus, his son Nicholas, and 3 others. Roger de Berckele (the son) m. Elena the other

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		<p>daughter of Robert Fitzharding, and from them descended the Berkeleys, barons of Dursley.</p> <p>This Nigellus is also witness together with his brothers-in-law, Henry and Maurice Fitzharding, and others, to the important confirmation (Ch. 14) of the following year (1154) by Robert Fitzharding to the church of St. Augustine at Bristol of the churches at Berkeley, Wotton, Beverstone, Ashelworth and Almondsbury with their chapels, lands and liberties.</p>
DOM, ADAM	s. of Nigel and Aldena	<p>Witness with his brother Maurice (1175-1180) to grant (Ch. 18) from Humphrey de Bohun, king's constable, to their uncle, Maurice Fitzharding, the 2nd Lord, of the land of Foxcote, co. Gloucester (<i>cf.</i> Ch. 168).</p> <p>The same Adam and Maurice are also witnesses to (1) the Covenant (Ch. 28) in relation to the Hospital built by their same uncle Maurice near Berkely 1185-1191; (2) the grant (Ch. 79) by their cousin, Robert Fitzharding, 3rd Lord of Berkeley, to St. Augustine's Abbey, Bristol, 1189-1220; (3) a further grant (Ch. 160) by the same Robert to the same Abbey, 1219-1220; (4) a grant (Ch. 75) from Hugh de Bradaleia to Dom. Juliana de Ponte Arche, wife of the same Robert Fitzharding of land in Wotton "juxta curiam persone." Early <i>temp.</i> John (<i>cf.</i> Ch. 73, 74, 170, 176); also with William de Pont Arche to Charters 68, 101, 168 and 170, all made about 1200-1220.</p>
MAURICE	s. of Nigel and Aldena	<p>Witness to the above and numerous other grants; also (with the Bishop of Llandaff, the Abbot of Bristol, the Earl of Salisbury and others) to a grant (Ch. 23) by his Uncle Maurice de Berkeley to his son William (1185-1189); also with William de Pont Arche to Charters 68, 101, 168 and 170, all made about 1200-1220.</p>
ROBERT	s. of Nigel and Aldena	<p>Witness to two grants (Ch. 333, 440) from Philip de Barkelay to Kingswood Abbey of land and tenement at Newington Bagpath (<i>temp.</i> Hen. III.)</p>

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MAUD - -	d. of Nigell de Kyngescote	m. William Fitzharding, younger son of Thomas, 4th Lord and brother of Maurice II, the 5th Lord of Berkeley.
NIGEL - -	de Kyngescote - -	Witness to grant of land at Ozleworth (Ch. 204); also to Release (Ch. 383) of land at Bagpath to the Monks of Kingswood (Early Hen. III) [cf. also Select Rolls 41 and 42].
WILLIAM - -	s. of Nigel of Alebi	<i>Temp.</i> John (cf. Nigel, fil decani de Ket'leb' and Ch. 122, 142 and 212).
NIGEL - -	de Osleworth - -	Witness to numerous grants (Ch. 126, 127, 241, 245, 273, 330). Early 13th Cent.
NIGEL - -	fil decani de Ketleb'	Witness with Richard, his brother, William, son of Nigel, William de Bovill and others to grant (Ch. 142) from Stephen de Satgrave to Geoffrey, son of Ralph de Alebeia, of land in Alebi, Welby, co. Leic., which Ralph de Cruce held there. Early 13th Century.
NIGEL - -	de Alebi - -	Grant (Ch. 212) from Adam the Abbot and the Abbey of Garendon, co. Leic., to Stephen de Sadgrave, for his homage and service, of their mill of Alebi, Welby, co. Leic., which they acquired by grant from Nigel de Alebi (reserving right of grinding corn to William, son of Nigel, and his heirs) 1219-1226.
NIGEL - -	de Albeney - -	Select Rolls (No. 130). Chronicle-Pedigree of the family of Mowbray, showing the descent of the family from Roger Earl of Northumberland, and Nigil de Albeney to Thomas de Mowbray, Earl of Nottingham (1366).
JOHN - -	s. of Nigel of Borestallc	<i>Temp.</i> Hen. III. Witness (Ch. 380).
GEOFFREY - -	(Neel) - -	<i>Temp.</i> Hen. III. Witness to several grants (Ch. 436, 448, 455, 471).
NICHOLAS - -	(Neel) - -	<i>Temp.</i> Hen. III. Witness (Ch. 415).
THOMAS - -	(Necl) of Pyriton (Purton).	License (Gen. Ser. 628) from Kingswood Abbey to enclose land adjoining his croft in Westgarston de Culkerton. March 1297 (Edw. I).

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GEOFFREY -	(Galfridus Neel) of Swanhunger (Sanigar)	Grant (Gen. Ser. 1490) by, of various lands to Alan Auger in marriage with Agnes his daughter to them and the heirs of their bodies. <i>Temp. Edw. I.</i> late; also grant (Gen. Ser. 2535) by him to Walter Walencis (Valence) of Piriton in consideration of 7½ Marks and at yearly rent of one rose (Edw. II.).
JOHANNA -	w. of said Geoffrey	
SYMONDA -	his mother - -	
AGNES -	his daughter - -	
NICHOLAS -		11 Edward II. Lessee (Gen. Ser. 2184) of land from above Alan Auger and Agnes his wife.
MARGARET -	w. of said Nicholas	
JOHANNA -	his mother - -	
GEOFFREY -	s. of Geoffrey and Johanna	Of Wotton, lessee (Gen. Ser. 2849) of 8 pieces of land from Johanna, widow of William de Combe. 10 Edward III.
JOHN -	s. of Isolda [Yseult] Neel	Deed of Entail (written in the Court hand of the period). Between (1) John Swanhunge (son and heir of John Swanhunge), William Swanhunge (his son, brother of Thomas Swanhunge of Wanesswelle) and (2) John (son of Isolda Neel), Isabella his wife and John their son. Of tenement and lands which Isolda Neel sometime held in Swanhunge [endorsed 'Neell' and (on an inner fold) Wyllms Smythe and 'a deede of intaille' from Sanegre to Nelme of certain land in Sanegre now in the tenure of Smyth of Wanwell]. 1357 (30 Edw. III.).
ISOLD A (or YSEULT)	his father - -	
ISSABELLA	w. of said John - -	
JOHN -	s. of John and Issabella	
JOHN -	(Neell) - - -	Master of the House of St. Thomas de Acon, London; 1428-1463. Grantor (Gen. Ser. 4262) with James le Botiller,

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		<p>Earl of Ormond, of power of attorney to take seisin, from John Archbishop of York and others of</p> <p>(1) The manor of Great Compton, co. Warwick ;  (2) The manor of Hounspill, co. Somerset.  12 November, 1447 (26 Hen. VI.).</p> <p>Feoffment (Gen. Ser. 4262) by same John Neell to James le Botiller, Earl of Ormond, and Richard Byngham, Justice of the Common Pleas of</p> <p>(1) Manor of Shire and Vacherie, Surrey ;  (2) Advowson of Alford, Surrey ;  (3) Manor of Fritwell, co. Oxford ;  (4) Manor of Coldeaston, co. Glouc. ;  (5) Manor of Breen, co. Somerset ;  (6) Advowson of Chapel of St. Margaret, Est Tilbury, Essex.</p> <p>Witnesses : Henry Norbery, knight ; Robert Harcourt, knight ; Maurice Berkeley de Beverston, knight ; John Stourton, knight ; and William Paulet, knight (12 November, 1447—26 Hen. VI.).</p> <p>The Earls of Ormond were great patrons of the Hospital, claiming to be lineally descended from the blood of the glorious Martyr, St. Thomas ; and Queen Anne Boleyn was descended from them.</p> <p>For further information as to this John Neel, see Sir John Watney's History of the Mercers' Company.</p>
SAMUELL	Neale	<p>Of Berkeley, gent. Lessee from Sir Henry Berkeley, knight, and Lady Catherine, his wife, of a meadow called the Fisher-inge, <i>als.</i> the Fisher in the Manor of Ham or Hamfallow. 9 November, 1588 (34 Elizabeth).</p>

## MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

MASTER JOHN - Nele	Ordained priest by Bishop Waynflete (of Winchester, Eton and Magdalen Coll., Oxford, and some time Chancellor of England) at Esher ; in 1454 collated to the Rectory of St. Mary of the Valleys near Winchester, with the Chapel of Wyke annexed to the same. Instituted Prebendary of All Cannings, Wilts, 29 December, 1476, by the same Bishop.
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		By his will, dated 27 April, 1486, Bishop Waynflete nominated "Master John Nele" one of his executors. It may or not be a coincidence that John Kyngecote, Tettbury, was elected a scholar of Winchester in 1427, 2 years only before Waynflete became Headmaster of the College.
WILLIAM -	Neele - - -	Fellow of Merton College (1473); died 1509; buried in the choir; one or more of the southern windows of the hall were set up out of the funds given by him.
THOMAS -	(Nele) - - -	Of Cirencester. Will 13 December, 1494. To be buried in the chapel of the Brotherhood of John in the parish church; gives to the high altar thereof 3s. 4d.; to the mother church of Worcester, 3s. 4d.; to each bearer on day of burial, 12d.; and to 4 canons of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Cirencester, 6s. 8d.
JOHANNA -	his wife - - -	
THOMAS -	his son - - -	
WILLIAM -	his son - - -	'Magister.'
RICHARD -	Nelle - - -	Will 4 April, 1499.
JOHN -		Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, 1556; Rector of his College 1560 until deprived 1570; and Fellow of St. John's College. [See Neales of Yate.]

NEALES OF YATE & WIXOLDBURY,  
GLOUC:

(*FROM ABOUT 1500, TEMP. HENRY VII.*)

WITH BELSires OF YATE.

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CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
WILLIAM	-	Of Yate. First name on Pedigree. [Recorded 1774.]
EDITH	- his wife	
ROBERT	- c. [child] of Wm. and Edith	Of Yate. Will 1544 (35 Hen. VIII.).
JOHN	- - "	
AGNES	- - "	Living 1533.
THOMAS	- c. of said Robert -	Of Yate Court, Wickwar, and Berkeley. Living 1530. m. Elizabeth Belsire. Will 17 July, 1584. [See Appendix B.]
ROBERT	- - "	Living 1552.
SIMON	- - "	Will 15 Feb., 1552.
LEONARD	- - ..	Of Oxford. Living 1552 and 1567. Exor. to Simon.
JOHN	- - "	Living 1552. Exor. to his father. Prob- ably the same as John Neale (Nele or Neele), Fellow of Exeter Coll., Oxford, 1556; Rector of his College 1560, until deprived 1570; and Fellow of St. John's College.
FEBYS	- - ..	Living 1552.
MARIANN	- - ..	" "

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
AGNES - -	c. of said Robert - -	Living 1584. m. John Arras.
MAUDE - -	"	" 1552.
MARGARET - -	"	" 1562.
ELIZABETH - -	w. of said Thomas - -	Will 5 August, 1586.
ALEXANDER - -	c. of said Thomas and Elizabeth (Belsire)	Of Yate. Owned the Grange and Friars' Closes, Wickwar, Cromhall Myles and lands at Barkley, Hawkesbury, Shipton Mayne and Shipton Dowell. Lord of the Manor of Weston Birt. m. Dorothy. Will 17 July, 1591. [See Appendix B.]
THOMAS - -	"	The Divine, of Wixoldbury. Professor of Hebrew at Oxford, Rector of Thenford in Northamptonshire. Born at Yate Court, <i>circ.</i> 1519. m. Christiana. Buried at Cassington (?), co. Oxford, where inscribed brass. Admon. granted to wife 23 Sept., 1590, in C.P.C. Purchased the Manor of Wixoldbury, 1587.
THOMAS MARTEN	"	m. Edith.
HENRY - -	"	
WILLIAM - -	"	Living 1584. Probably the William Neale one of Her Majesty's Auditors of the Exchequer, 1582 and 1591.
DOROTHY - -	w. of said Alexander - -	Living 1613.
CHRISTIANA - -	w. of said Thomas - -	
EDITH - -	w. of said Thomas Marten	Living 1530 and 1586.
THOMAS - -	c. of said Alexr. and Dorothy	Of Berkeley and Friars Close. m. Margaret Fernley. Will 5 Novr., 1612. [See Appendix B.]
ROBERT - -	"	Living 1591 and 1613. Exor. to father.
CHRISTOPHER - -	"	Of Cromall Mills. Living 1591.
HENRY - -	"	Of Hawkesbury. Living 1591 and 1613.

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SAMUEL -	c. of said Alexr. and Dorothy	Of Weston Birt. Living 1591 and 1613. (Probably same as Samuel Neale of Yate, Matric. Oxford 1578; Student of Inner Temple, 1581.)
MARGARET	w. of said Thomas	Living 1613.
ALEXANDER	c. of Thomas the Divine and Christiana	Of Berkeley and Wixoldbury. Living 1584. m. Alice. Admon. of his effects granted to her 26 October, 1624.
THOMAS -	"	Living 1584. (Probably same as Thomas Neale, Demy Magd. Coll., Oxford, 1572, aged 19, from co. Southampton.)
WILLIAM	"	Living 1584.
RICHARD -	"	Supposed Archbishop of York. b. in King Street, Westminster, 1562. Incorporated at Oxford, 1600. Installed Dean of Westminster, 5th Novr., 1605. Was deputed by King James to preside in the Abbey over the reinterment of Mary Queen of Scots on the removal of her remains from Peterborough Cathedral. d. 1640. Buried in York Cathedral. Engraved portrait.
GEORGE -	"	Living 1584.
SAMUEL -	"	" "
ELIZABETH	"	" "
JOANE	"	" "
Alice	w. of said Alexander	
MARGARET	d. of Henry, s. of said Thomas and Elizabeth (Belsire)	Living 1584.
WILLIAM	c. of William, s. of said Thomas and Elizabeth (Belsire)	Of Horton. m. Katherine. Living 1590.
RICHARD	"	Of Horton. Living 1590.
ARTHUR -	"	Living 1584.

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FRANCIS -	c. of William, s. of said Thomas and Elizabeth (Belsire)	Living 1584.
JANE -	"	" "
URSULA -	"	" "
KATHERINE -	w. of said William	
THOMAS -	c. of said Thomas and Margaret (Fernley)	Of Yate. b. 1588. Living 1612. m. the d. of Edward Baynham of the house of Westbury and Cleerwell, co. Glouc., of which family 10 members were High Sheriffs of co. Glouc., between 1476 and 1642.
ALEXANDER -	"	Living 1612. Exor. to his father.
MARY -	"	" "
SARAH -	"	" "
ELIZABETH -	"	m. .... Sticke.
DOROTHY -	"	m. .... Lawford.
ROBERT -	c. of said lastly mentioned Thomas	Of Yate. b. 1617. m. ( <i>circ.</i> 1650) Priscilla Green of the family of Green of Milton Clivedon, co. Somerset. Living 1680. Grantee from Richard Beckford, of 'Robert Neale's Tenement.'
JOHN -	"	Of Yate. m. Mary. Will 13 March, 1688. Grantee from Richard Beckford of 'John Neale's Tenement.'
PRISCILLA -	w. of said Robert	Living 1682.
MARY -	" John -	
ROBERT -	c. of said Robert and Priscilla (Green)	Of Yate. b. 1651. m. Martha Smith of Newton Forthampton, Glou., 21 Jany., 1681-2. Buried at the Friends' Burial Place, Chipping Sodbury. Will 14 Decr., 1703.
JOHN -	"	Living 1675.

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THOMAS -	c. of said Robert and Priscilla (Green)	Living 1703.
RICHARD -	"	" "
MARTHA -	w. of said Robert	Buried 20 July, 1692.
JOHN -	c. of said John and Mary	Of Yate. Living 1687 and 1700. Buried 14 June, 1727.
HESTER -	"	Will 21 Jan., 1700.
MARTHA -	"	m. ..... White.
GRACE -	"	
SARAH -	"	Living 1701. Extrix. to Hester.
ROBERT -	c. of said Robert and Martha (Smith)	Of Yate and Corsham. b. 12 Novr., 1682. m. (at St. Mary's in the Devizes) Sarah (Arnold), eldest d. of Wm. Arnold of Corsham, by Jane d. of Wm. Gibbons of Corsham, 26 Decr., 1704. Built the Mansion House, Corsham, 1721-4. d. 10 Decr., 1733. Buried at Corsham. Portrait at Shaw House.
ELIZABETH -	"	m. 1710 Charles Ireland, merchant, of Bristol. Will 30 July, 1735. d. before 1739. Portrait at Shaw House (1728). Her son, Charles Ireland, of Wixoldbury, settled (1739) Wixoldbury on Robert Neale and his heirs, died S. P., 1739-40, and was buried in St. Peter's Church, Bristol. Harry Ireland, another son, predeceased Charles.
MARTHA -	"	
SARAH -	w. of said Robert	b. Septr., 1679. d. 4 June, 1745. Buried at Corsham. Portrait at Shaw House. [For further Neales of Corsham see follow- ing list of Neales of Corsham and Shaw.]
JOHN -	c. of lastly mentioned John	Of Yate. Bapt. 4 Augt., 1678. m. Sarah Batten 13 Feb., 1734-5. Will proved 13 Jan., 1762.
WILLIAM -	"	Of Winterbourne. Bapt. 30 Octr., 1680.

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GABRIEL - -	c. of lastly mentioned John	Of Yate. Bapt. 17 June, 1684. m. Sarah Tiler, of Horton, 28 April, 1715. Will 11 July, 1731.
SARAH - -	w. of said John - -	
SARAH - -	,, Gabriel - -	Will 24 March, 1733.
BENJAMIN - -	c. of said John and Sarah (Batten).	Of Yate. Bapt. 2 July, 1738. m. Sarah Cole, of Yate, 16 April, 1760. Will proved 1 June, 1801.
JOHN - -	,,	Bapt. 11 Novr., 1739. m. Mary Cole, of Yate, 1762.
SARAH - -	w. of said Benjamin - -	Will proved 10 June, 1812.
MARY - -	,, John - -	
EDWARD - -	c. of said Gabriel and Sarah (Tiler)	
GABRIEL - -	,,	
RICHARD - -	,,	
MAURICE - -	,,	
GABRIEL - -	,,	
MARY - -	,,	
ELIZABETH - -	,,	
ELIZABETH - -	,,	
SARAH - -	,,	
JOHN - -	c. of said Benjamin and Sarah (Cole)	Of Yate and Wanswell Court, Berkeley. Bapt. 20 Feb., 1762. m. Nancy Corbet, of Yate, 6 May, 1784. b. 21 July, 1842.
BENJAMIN - -	,,	Bapt. 16 September, 1767.
SARAH - -	,,	Bapt. 28 June, 1778. m. Samuel Cox.
NANCY - -	w. of said John - -	Buried 21 March, 1838.

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ROBERT -	c. of said John and Mary (Cole)	Bapt. 16 September, 1767.
JOHN CORBET -	c. of said John and Nancy (Corbet)	Of Yate. b. 1 Augt., 1792. m. 7 Decr., 1816, Tryphena Corbet, d. of Jonathan Corbet, gentleman, of Yate, and Sarah his wife, d. 30 May, 1853.
BENJAMIN -	"	Of Oldminster, Berkeley.
MARTIN -	"	Of Berkeley.
TRYPHENA	w. of said John Corbet	Buried 26 May, 1876.
ROBERT -	c. of said John Corbet and Tryphena (Corbet)	Of Yate and Corsham. b. 1 May, 1819. m. Ann Roberts, 2 March, 1844. Buried 11 May, 1878.
JONATHAN -	"	Bapt. 19 Novr., 1821. d. 15 July, 1830.
ALFRED -	"	Lieut. in Royal Navy. Bapt. 25 March, 1827. d. in Barbados 22 Novr., 1852.
JONATHAN -	"	Bapt. 10 Jan., 1832.
MATILDA -	"	Bapt. 18 Augt., 1817.
ANN	w. of said Robert	b. 2 March, 1824.
ROBERT RUFUS	c. of said Robert and Ann (Roberts)	Of Clarkesville, Tennessee, U.S.
JOHN ALEXANDER	"	Of Yate and Corsham, and Queen's College, Oxford, D.C.L.; F.R.G.S. Registered at the Heralds' College the Family Pedigree as amended and continued to 1891. [See Appendix E.]
BENJAMIN GABRIEL	"	Of Heath End House, Cromhall, Gloucestershire.

## BELSIRES OF YATE.

JOHN -	-	Of Yate. m. Elizabeth. Will 6 Decr., 1551.
RICHARD -	-	b. of said John

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ELIZABETH -	w. of said John	Will 24 April, 1560.
ELIZABETH -	c. of said John and Elizabeth	m. Thos. Neale, of Yate. Will 5 Augt., 1586.
ALEXANDER -	"	Of Yate. Scholar of Winchester. Fellow of New Coll., 1519-1541. Vicar of Colerne, Wilts, first Canon of Osney and Preby. of Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford, 1547, and first President of St. John's College, Oxford, 1555. Will 10 Feb., 1567. Proved at Oxford; Exor. of his father John.
THOMAS -	"	Living 1567. (Children, William and Helen.)
WILLIAM -	"	
LEONARD -	"	Living 1567. Of Winchester and Oxford, Esquire, Bedell; elected superior Bedell of Theology, 1540.
HELEN -	"	m. Simon Drynge.
JANE -	"	m. .... Byrgsall.
ALEXR. NEALE	c. of said Elizabeth and Thomas (Neale)	Of Yate. ( <i>See above</i> ).
THOMAS (N) -	"	Of Yate and Wixoldbury. The Divine. ( <i>See above</i> )
THOMAS MARTIN (N)	"	( <i>See above</i> )
HENRY (N) -	"	"
WILLIAM (N) -	"	"

## NEALES OF CORSHAM & SHAW, WILTS.

*(FROM ABOUT 1700, TEMP. WILLIAM III.)*

WITH ARNOLDS OF CORSHAM, SMITHS OF SHAW,  
SELFES OF BEANACRE, NORRIS OF NON-  
SUCH, WEBBS OF MELKSHAM AND MONCKTON  
FARLEY, SEYMOURS, DUCKETTS OF CALNE  
AND HARTHAM, AND GAWLERS OF RAMRIDGE.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
ROBERT -	c. of Robt. and Martha (Smith) of Yate, Glou.	Of Yate, Glouc., and of Corsham, Wilts. b. 12 Nov., 1682. m. 26 Decr., 1704, at St. Mary in the Devizes, Sarah, eldest d. of William Arnold of Corsham, and Jane, d. of William Gibbons of Corsham, the grandfather of Sir Wm. Gibbons, Bart., Speaker of the House of Assembly in Barbadoes. Built the Mansion House, Corsham, 1721-4. d. in London 10 Decr., 1733. Buried at Corsham. Pur- chased 26 Octr., 1721, parcel of Broad- mead in Town Tything, Corsham, on which the Mansion House is built. Full length portrait at Shaw House.
SARAH -	w. of said Robert	d. 4 June, 1745. Bur. at Corsham. Full length portrait at Shaw House (1704).
ROBERT -	c. of said Robert and Sarah (Arnold)	Of Corsham and of Shaw House, J.P. M.P. for Wotton Bassett. b. 27 May, 1706. m. at Colerne (whence came William Grocyn of Winchester (1463), Professor of Greek in Oxford, and friend of Dean Colet) Elizabeth d. of Thomas Smith of Shaw House, Melksham, Wilts, 3 Novr., 1735. Obtained confirmation and exemplification of Family Arms and registered Family Pedigree at the Herald's College, 2 June, 1774. Will dated 21 Decr., 1774. Proved 11 Septr., 1776. Buried at Great Chalfield, 9 July,

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		1776. Purchased Rectory Manor of Corsham, 1744, and Manor and Advowson of Great Chalfield with Constableship of Trowbridge, 1769. Portrait at the Mansion House, Corsham (1726).
WILLIAM -	c. of said Robert and Sarah (Arnold)	b. 5 Feb., 1707-8. d. 5 Octr., 1722. Bur. at Corsham.
JAMES -	"	b. 8 Decr., 1709. d. 27 Augt., 1734. Buried at Corsham. Full length portrait at Shaw House.
THOMAS -	"	b. 10 May, 1712. d. 21 March, 1728. Buried at Corsham. Full length portrait formerly at Shaw House.
GEORGE -	"	b. 15 Septr., 1714. d. 16 Jan., 1715. Buried at Corsham.
ELIZABETH -	w. of Robert of Corsham and of Shaw House	d. 31 Octr., 1771. Buried at Corsham, afterwards removed to Great Chalfield Church. Portrait at Shaw House. (1727).
ROBERT -	c. of said Robert and Elizabeth (Smith)	Of Shaw House, Wilts, and of New Coll., Oxford, J.P. and D.L. for Wilts. b. 25 Novr., 1736. m. 26 July, 1770, at St. Clement's Dane, Middlesex, Grace Goldstone, d. and heir of Gwin Goldstone (only son of Edward Goldstone of Goldstone, Salop), and Grace, eldest d. of George Duckett of Hartham, Wilts. d. 23 March, 1774. Buried at Great Chalfield. Portrait at Shaw House (1757).
THOMAS -	"	b. 20 May, 1738. Buried at Corsham, afterwards removed to Great Chalfield.
WILLIAM -	"	b. 20 May, 1738. Buried at Corsham, afterwards removed to Great Chalfield.
ELIZABETH -	"	b. 7 May, 1743. d. 18 Decr., 1757. Buried in chancel of Corsham Church, afterwards removed to Great Chalfield.
GRACE -	w. of Robert of Shaw House	m. secondly Sir George Jackson, who assumed the surname of Duckett. d. 12 March, 1798. Buried at Trinity Chapel, Grosvenor Square.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
GRACE ELIZABETH	c. of Robert and Grace (Goldstone)	b. 16 March, 1771. bapt. St. George's, Hanover Square. m. 15 April, 1795, at 7, Harley Street, Cavendish Square (by special license), Sir Harry Burrard of Walhampton Boldre, co. Southampton, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Admiral of the White, M.P. for Lymington. Lady in waiting to Queen Charlotte and Companion to the Princess Amelia; upon two occasions in 1801 and 1804 was honoured by visits from Geo. III., Queen Charlotte, and all the Princesses at Walhampton. d. 21 Decr., 1855, S.P. bur. at Lee, Blackheath, Kent.
LYDIA FRANCES	"	b. 23 Jan., 1773. m. before 13 March, 1801, Henry Gawler of Lincoln's Inn, son of John Gawler, of Ramridge, co. Southampton, and the Honble. Caroline, eldest daughter of John, 3rd Lord Bellenden, and sister of Ker and Robert, 4th and 6th Lords Bellenden. bur. 15 March, 1814, in Cathedral Church, Bristol (Monument).
SIR HARRY BURARD	h. of said Grace Elizabeth	b. 1765. Will 24 October, 1839. d. S.P. 15 Feb., 1840. Obelisk 75 feet in height erected at Lymington to his memory by H.M. the Queen Dowager Adelaide, their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Augusta, and others. He was Lord of the Admiralty and Groom of Bedchamber to Geo. III. and William IV. Commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean 1823-6. Portraits by John Hoppner, R.A., Sir Wm. Beechy, R.A. (engraved by J. B. Lane) and Matther Brown (engraved by C. Turner).
HENRY GAWLER	b. of said Lydia Frances	See Gawlers of Ramridge (below).

## ARNOLDS OF CORSHAM.

WILLIAM		Of Laycock, Mercer. Living 1677.
WILLIAM	c. of said William	Of Corsham, Mercer. m. Jane, d. of Wm. Gibbons of Corsham, Clothier. Will 1716-17. d. 10 Decr., 1719. buried at Corsham.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
CHARLES -	c. of said William	
JANE -	w. of said William of Corsham	d. 7 Decr., 1724. buried at Corsham.
WILLIAM -	c. of said Wm. and Jane (Gibbons)	m. Sarah. Will 1738 (Probate 1748). Trustee (with Richard Belsire) of Post-nuptial settlement of Neale's Tenement at Yate (1708).
ANN -	"	m. William Hulbert of Westrop (their son Wm. Hulbert; his d. Ann Hulbert m. John Hulbert).
SARAH -	"	m. Robert Neale 26 Decr., 1704. d. 4 June, 1745.
JANE -	"	m. (firstly) ..... Deke, (secondly) John Bull.
WILLIAM -	c. of said Wm. and Sarah	Living 1720. Trustee of Will of Robert Neale, M.P. Will 1802.
CHARLES -	"	
MARY -	"	
JANE -	"	
ANN -	"	
WILLIAM -	c. of lastly mentioned William	Of Langley Burrell (1806) and of Thingley (1820).
CHARLES -	"	Of Axminster, Devon, Surgeon (1813).
GEORGE -	"	Lieut. 54 Regt. Foot (1806).
JOHN JULIUS -	"	Of Axminster, Devon, Gent. (1813).

SMITHS OF FROOME ZELLWOOD, SOM.;  
AND SHAW, WILTS.

		Of Froome Zellwood, co. Som. m. .... d. of
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CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
ROBERT -	c. of above - - -	Of Froome Zellwood, Clothier. m. Anne, d. of Robert Nicholas of Roundway, Wilts. Purchased Norwood Park, Somerset, 30 March, 1654.
ANNE -	w. of said Robert	
THOMAS -	c. of said Robert and Anne (Nicholas)	Of Froome Zellwood, Clothier. m. (about 1666) Elizabeth, d. of Robert Chaloner of Roundway Cannings Epi. Wilts. d. Novr., 1674. buried at Froome Zellwood. Purchased Manor of Tollar Wylme, Dorset, and Catscliffe 1664, and Rectory of Kinnerley, Salop, 1671.
ROBERT -	,,	(Issue Robert and Mary.)
ABIGAIL -	,,	m. Francis Mercer of New Sarum.
REBECCA -	,,	m. Edward Froud of New Sarum. Issue Edward.
ELIZABETH	w. of said Thomas	Living at Bath 1721. Portrait at Shaw House.
THOMAS -	c. of said Thomas and Elizabeth (Chaloner)	Of Shaw House. The Diarist [see Appendix D] b. 1673. m. 4 June, 1694, Elizabeth Webb, d. and heir of Daniel Webb of Melksham and Margaret (Selfe), d. of Jacob Selfe and Ruth Rumen. d. 21 July, 1723, aged 50. bur. at Melksham (Monument). Purchased the Shaw Property 18 Decr., 1701, and erected a new mansion there as a seat for his family.
ANNE -	,,	m. 1685 Isaac Selfe of Beanacre, Wilts. d. S.P.
ELIZABETH	w. of said Thomas	d. 12 Feby., 1719. buried at Melksham (Monument).
JOHN -	c. of said Thomas and Elizabeth (Webb)	Of Oriel Coll., Oxford, and Shaw House. b. 11 March, 1702. m. 1726 Mary Harvey, d. of John Harvey of Cole Park, Malmesbury, Wilts, and Sarah his wife. Will 21 March, 1736. High Sheriff co. Somerset 1739. d. 21 Augt., 1757, S.P. buried at Melksham (Monument).

## NEALES OF BERKELEY,

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
WALTER -	c. of said Thomas and Elizabeth (Webb)	Of Six Clerks' Office, Chancery Lane. b. 19 Feb., 1707. m. Mary ____. d. 16 May, 1732, S.P. buried at Melksham.
MARGARET	"	b. 9 March, 1696. m. Wm. Hunt of West Lavington, Wilts. d. 17 Sept., 1731, S.P. Portrait formerly at Shaw House.
ELIZABETH	"	Heir to her brother John. b. 24 Septr., 1701. m. at Cullern, Wilts, 3 Novr., 1735, Robert Neale of Corsham, Wilts. d. 31 Octr., 1771. buried at Corsham, afterwards removed to vault in Great Chalfield Church. Portrait at Shaw House.
ANNE	"	b. 17 Novr., 1705. d. 27 Decr., 1714. buried at Melksham.
MARY	w. of said John	Of Marlborough (1735). d. Augt., 1758. buried at Melksham.

## OTHER SMITHS LIVING 1721-2.

(THOMAS SMITH'S DIARY.)

JOHN	-	cousin of Diarist	-	Of Stoney Littleton.
ANN	-	w. of said John	-	"
ROBERT	-	cousin, s. of Robert	-	(Late) of Foxcote.
DOROTHY	-	w. of said Robert, d. of John Champneys of Orchard Leigh	-	Of Foxcote.
ROBERT	-	cousin	-	Of the Forest.
ROBERT	-	nephew of said Robert	-	Of Bath.
ROBERT, LL.D.				Of Combhay, m. Mary Bennett.
WILL	-			Of Froome.
MR. SMITH	-			Of Alton Priors.

## SELFES OF BEANACRE, MELKSHAM, WILTS.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
ISAAC - -		Of Beanacre, Gent. Living 1649.
JACOB - -	c. of said Isaac (eldest son)	Of Beanacre, Gent. m. (firstly) before 20 Octr., 1649, Ruth, the d. and sole heir apparent of John Romen of Goat-acre, Hilmarton, Clothier. m. (secondly) Mary. Living 1685.
RUTH - -	first w. of said Jacob	
MARY - -	second ,,	
MARGARET - -	c. of said Jacob and Ruth (Romen)	m. 1673 Daniel Webb of Melksham, Clothier. d. about 1733. (See Webbs below.)
RUTH - -	,,	m. Roger Spackman, of Bushton, Gent., before 1685.
MARY - -	,,	m. John Tuck, of Wroughton, Gent., before 18 April, 1681.
ISAAC - -	c. of said Jacob and Mary, eldest son and heir apparent	Of Beanacre, Gent. m. (firstly) Anne Smith, sister of Thomas Smith of Shaw House. m. (secondly) Penelope Lucas d. and co-heiress of Charles Lord Lucas Shenfield. Living 1721. died before 1735. 'Brother Selfe' of Diary.
ANNE - -	first w. of said Isaac	(née Smith.) Died S.P.
PENELOPE - -	second ,,	(née Lucas.) 'Sister Selfe' of Diary.
LUCAS - -	c. of said Isaac and Penelope (Lucas)	Of Beanacre, Esquire, eldest son and heir of Isaac Selfe of the same place, Esquire, decd. Trustee (with John Smith and Ezekiel Wallis) of settlement of 29 Octr., 1735, on marriage of Robt. Neale and Elizabeth Smith.
ISAAC - -	,,	Of the Inner Temple. Trustee (with John Harvey of Cole Park, Malmesbury, and John Thresher of the Inner Temple) of settlement of 4 July, 1727, on m. of John Smith of Shaw House and Mary Harvey.

## NEALES OF BERKELEY,

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
JACOB (Captn.)	c. of said Isaac and Penelope (Lucas)	Living 1721 (Thos. Smith's Diary).
ANNE - -	"	m. Thomas Methuen, ancestor of Lord Methuen of Corsham. Their son Paul Methuen was trustee (with Paul Methuen of Holt, and others) of the Will of Robert Neale of Shaw House (1774).
'Cissy' - -	"	(See Smith's Diary.)

## OTHER SELFES LIVING 1721-2.

(THOMAS SMITH'S DIARY.)

JACOB - -		Of Place House, Melksham.
JACOB - -	nephew of said Jacob -	
REVD. THOMAS		Rector of Bromham 1714-1741.
THOMAS - -	eldest s. of said Thomas	Buried at St. Mildred the Virgin in the Poultry, London.
ISAAC - -	a younger son - -	
ELIZABETH -		m. John Norris of Nonsuch. (See below.)
MARGARET -	cousin of Diarist - -	m. John Guppy of Melksham and Sand- ridge.

## NORRIS OF NONSUCH.

JOHN NORRIS -		Of Nonsuch, Bromham.
ELIZABETH (SELFE)	w. of said John - -	
SELFE NORRIS	s. of said John and Elizabeth (Selfe)	Of London.
MAUD NORRIS	d. of said John and Elizabeth (Selfe)	m. Sir Wm. Hanham of Neston.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
WILLM. NORRIS		Of Nonsuch. Trustee of Settlement on marriage of Robert Neale of Shaw House (1770); of his Will (1774); for Robert Neale (of Corsham) of 'Princes,' Beanacre (1774), and of his Will (1774).

## WEBBS OF MELKSHAM AND MONCKTON FARLEY.

		Of Melksham. m. .... Hale.
ROBERT -	c. of above - - -	Of Melksham.
DANIEL -	"	Of Melksham, Clothier. m. Margaret d. of Jacob Selfe and Ruth Rumen 1673. died about 1675. (See Selfes above.)
MARGARET	w. of said Daniel - - -	d. 4 June, 1733. buried at Melksham.
DANIEL -	c. of said Robert - - -	Of Monckton Farley, Wilts. m. .... Somner d. of .... Somner of Seend, Wilts, heir to her brother Edward Somner. [See Smith's Diary.]
ELIZABETH	d. of said Daniel of Melksham and Margaret (Selfe)	m. Thomas Smith of Shaw House 4 June, 1694. Portrait at Shaw House (1720).
MARGARET (?) -	"	Of Melksham. Portrait formerly at Shaw House.
MARY	c. of said Daniel Webb of Monckton Farley	Only d. and heir, m. 5 March, 1716, Edward Seymour afterwards Duke of Somerset, &c. d. Feb., 1763, at Seend, Wilts. [Smith's Diary.]

## SEYMOURS.

EDWARD -	grandson of Sir Edward Seymour, Speaker of the Long Parliament	Of Seend, 8th Duke of Somerset. m. Mary Webb d. of Daniel Webb of Monckton Farley 5 March, 1716. [See Webbs above.] A frequent visitor to
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## NEALES OF BERKELEY,

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
		Shaw House (Mr. Seymour of Smith's Diary). M.P. for Salisbury 1741. succeeded to Dukedom 1750. d. 12 Decr., 1757. bur. at Maiden Bradley.
ALEXANDER -	his brother - - -	Living 1721. [Smith's Diary.]
FRANCIS -	his brother - - -	Living 1721. [Smith's Diary.]
EDWARD -	s. of said Edward and Mary (Webb)	9th Duke of Somerset, Baron Seymour, &c. d. 2 Jan., 1792, S.P. Buried at Maiden Bradley.
WEBB -	"	10th Duke of Somerset, &c. of Monckton Farley. b. 3 Decr., 1718. m. 11 Decr., 1769. Anna Maria d. of John Bonnell of Stanton Harcourt, co. Oxford. Trustee of Wills of Robert Neale of Shaw House (1770) and of Robert Neale of Corsham (1774). d. 15 Decr., 1793. bur. at Maiden Bradley.
WILLIAM -	"	Barrister-at-law. m. Hester Maltravers of Melksham 5 June, 1767.
FRANCIS -	"	Canon of Windsor and Chaplain to King Geo. III. Dean of Wells 1766.

## DUCKETTS OF CALNE AND HARTHAM, WILTS.

GEORGE - -		Of Hartham (whose ancestor John Duket of Lancaster was the great protector of John de Wycliffe or Wyklif, first a commoner of Queen's, Oxford, then fellow of Merton (1356). Another ancestor, Friar Andrew Duket, obtained in 1448 licence to build, greatly aided in building, and was first President of Queen's College, Cambridge, where Erasmus lodged. m. (before 1711) Grace, d. and heir of Thos. Skinner of Dewlish, co. Dorset ; M.P. for Calne ; d. 1732.
GRACE - -	w. of said George -	
WILLIAM -	c. of George and Grace (Skinner)	Died young.

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
LIONEL -	c. of George and Grace (Skinner)	b. 3 Jan., 1711. Lord of the Manors of Calne and Corsham. d. 11 June, 1767. S.P.
THOMAS -	"	b. 10 Feb., 1712. Lord of the Manors of Calne and Corsham; M.P. for Calne 1754-1765. d. S.P.
GEORGE -	"	
WILLIAM -	"	Of Hartham. Trustee of Settlement of Robert Neale, the younger (1770). d. 20 Octr., 1780. S.P.
SKINNER	"	d. 8 March, 1767. S.P.
GRACE -	"	b. 15 Feb., 1714. m. Gwyn Goldstone, of Goldstone, Salop. It was presumably his ancestor Prior Goldstone who before the close of the 15th Century built the Lady Chapel of Canterbury Cathedral and so practically finished the building of the church commenced ages before by Augustine. Willyam Goldstone was one of the Brethren of the Hospital of St. Thomas de Acon in 1534.
MARTHA -	"	m. Thomas Thorne, of Enfield.
CATHERINE -	"	
GRACE (GOLDSTONE)	c. of Grace (Duckett) and Gwyn Goldstone	m. (firstly) 26 July, 1770, Robert Neale of Shaw House; (secondly) Sir George Jackson, Bart. (who assumed the name of Duckett).
GRACE ELIZABETH (NEALE)	c. of said Robert and Grace (Goldstone)	b. 16 March, 1771. m. Sir Harry Burrard 15 April, 1795. d. 21 Decr., 1885.
LYDIA FRANCES	"	b. 23 Jan., 1773. m. Henry Gawler, son of John Gawler and the Honourable Caroline Gawler; buried 15 March, 1814, in Cathedral Church, Bristol.

## GAWLERS OF RAMRIDGE, Co. SOUTHAMPTON.

JOHN -	3rd Lord Bellenden. Succeeded 1707. Nephew of Robert 3rd Earl of Roxburgh and cousin of John 1st Duke of Roxburgh.
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CHRISTIAN NAMES.	RELATIONSHIP.	PARTICULARS.
KER - -	c. of John 3rd Lord	4th Lord Bellenden. Succeeded 1740. d. 1754.
ROBERT - -	"	6th Lord Bellenden. Succeeded 1796. d. 1797.
CAROLINE - -	"	m. 1760 John Gawler of Ramridge, co. Southampton. Portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds, P.R.A. (engraved).
JOHN GAWLER -	h. of said Caroline	Portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds (en- graved).
JOHN KER - -	c. of Ker 4th Lord	5th Lord Bellenden. Succeeded 1754. d. 1798. S.P. Succeeded by said Robert, his uncle.
JOHN BELLEN- DEN GAWLER	c. of said John and the Honourable Caroline Gawler	Of Englefield Green, Surrey. Living 1794 and 1801. Portrait (of John and his brother Henry), 'The Schoolboys' by Sir Joshua Reynolds, P.R.A. (engraved by J. R. Smith).
HENRY GAWLER	"	Of Lincolns Inn and Ramridge Cottage, Weyhill, co. Southampton. m. Lydia Frances Neale before 13 March, 1801. Portrait (see above).
LYDIA FRANCES GAWLER	w. of said Henry -	b. 23 Jan., 1773. Buried 15 March, 1814, in Cathedral Church, Bristol.

## NEALE CHARTERS AND RECORDS.

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**1.** MARRIAGE CONTRACT between Robert Fitzharding and Roger de Berckle (Berkeley Castle Charters and Muniments by J. H. Jeayes, Select Charter, No. 4).—Nigellus filius Arthuri witness with brother-in-law, 2 brothers and son of Robert Fitzharding—*Circ.* Nov. 1153.

**2.** CONFIRMATION by Robert Fitzharding to the Church of St. Augustine, Bristol, and the Canons there of the Churches of Berkeley Herneſſe, viz. Berkeley, Wotton, Beverſtone, Ashelworth and Almondsbury, with chapels, lands and liberties (Sel. Ch. 14).—Nigellus fil Arturi witness with his brothers-in-law Henry and Maurice Fitzharding—1154.

**3.** GRANT from Humphrey de Bohun, King's Constable, to Maurice, son of Robert, of the land of Foxcote (Sel. Ch. 18).—Eustace, the Chamberlain; William Brito; Eudo de Sancto Salvatore; Ralp Pincerna; Adam and Maurice, sons of Nigel fil Arturi and Aldena d. of Robert Fitzharding, witnesses—1176-1180.

**4.** GRANT by Robert de Berkeley to St. Augustine's Abbey, Bristol (Sel. Ch. 79).—Dom. Adam and Maurice, sons of Nigel, witnesses—1189-1220.

**5.** GRANT from Robert de Berkeley, son of Maurice de Berkeley, to the Abbey of St. Augustine, Bristol (Sel. Ch. 160).—Dom. Adam and Maurice, sons of Nigel, witnesses—1219-1220.

**6.** GRANT from Hugh de Bradeleia to Dom. Juliana de Ponte Arche, wife of Robert de Berkeleia (Sel. Ch. 75).—Adam and Maurice, sons of Nigel, witnesses—Early temp. John.

**7.** GRANT from Philip de Berkelay to Kingswood Abbey (Sel. Ch. 333).—Robert, son of Nigel, and Aldena witness—temp. Hen. III.

**8.** PEDIGREE—Jeayes Introduction to Catalogue of Betkeley Castle Charters (pp. xi. and xxii.).

**9.** GRANT from Stephen de Satgrave to Geoffrey, son of Ralph de Alebia of land in Aleby [Welby, co. Leic.] (Sel. Ch. 142).—Nigel fil. decani de Ketleb' and William, son of Nigel, witnesses—early 13th Cent.

**10.** GRANT from Adam the Abbot and the Abbey of Garendon [co. Leic.] to Stephen de Sadgrave, for his homage and service, of their Mill of Alebi [Welby, co. Leic.] which they acquired by grant from Nigel de Alebi (reserving right of grinding corn to William son of Nigel and his heirs).—(Sel. Ch. 212)—1219-1226.

- 11.** CHRONICLE-PEDIGREE of the family of Mowbray, showing the descent of the family from Roger, Earl of Northumberland, and Nigil de Albene to Thomas Mowbray, Earl of Nottingham (Berkeley Castle Select Rolls, 130)—1806.
- 12.** PEDIGREES of Veele to temp. Jas. I.; Baynham; Seymour of Frampton, &c. (Berkeley Castle Select Books, 79).
- 13.** GRANT from Henry, Prior of Holy Trinity, Longbridge, to Dom. Maurice Berkeley (Sel. Ch. 436).—Geoffrey Neel, witness—Dat. 1270.
- 14.** COVENANT of lease from Henry de Wenewell to Robert Mathias of Egeton, and Joan, his wife, of a certain meadow above his fishpond in Wanswell (Sel. Ch. 455).—Geoffrey Neel and Thomas de Swanhungre, witnesses—1278.
- 15.** GRANT from Thomas, Lord Berkeley, to Henry le Gardiner and Isabel, his wife, of land in Ham (Sel. Ch. 471).—Geoffrey Neel and John de Swanhungre, witnesses—38 Edw. I. [1804].
- 16.** LICENCE from Kingswood Abbey to Thomas called Neal of Pyriton [Purton] to enclose land in Culkerton.—(Berkeley Castle Collection, General Series No. 628)—March 1297.
- 17.** DOWER GRANT from Geoffrey Neel to Alan Auger in marriage with Agnes his daughter of land [in Hinton].—(Gen. Ser. 1490)—temp. Edw. I., late.
- 18.** LEASE from Alan Auger, and Agnes his wife, to Nicholas Neel, and Margaret his wife, of land in Ham.—(Gen. Ser. 2184)—11 Edw. II. (10 July 1317).
- 19.** GRANT from Geoffrey Nel of Swanhunger [Saniger] to Walter Walensis of Piriton [Purton] in Stodfold (Gen. Ser. 2535).—Witnesses, John Eggestone, Nicholas Nel, John Warin and others—temp. Edw. II.; in consideration of 7½ marks and at yearly rent of one rose.
- 20.** INDENTED LEASE from Joan, widow of William de Combe to Geoffrey Neel, son of Geoffrey Neel, of Wotton, and Joan his wife of land in Wotton.—(Gen. Ser. 2849)—10 Edw. III. (21 July 1386).
- 21.** GRANT by Geoffrey Neel and Henry atte Ree, exors. of Alice le Taillur, to Richard de Wotton, Rector of Wotton, of a tenement in Wotton.—(Gen. Ser. 3230)—28 Edw. III. [29 June 1389].
- 22.** GRANT by Geoffrey Neel to William Sandy of a cottage in Haw Street, Wotton (Gen. Ser. 3392)—26 Edw. III. [18 June 1352].
- 23.** COPY of a confirmation of a lease at Berkeley Castle, endorsed “Neell” and (on an inner fold) “Wyllms Smythe” and “a deede of intaille from Sanegre to Nelme of certain lande in Sanegre now in the tenure of Smyth of Wanswell” (written in the Court hand of the period), being a confirmation by William Swanhungre (brother and heir of Thos. Swanhungre) of a lease by John Swanhungre, their father, to John son of Isolda Neel, Isabella, his wife, and John their son of a tenement which Isolda Neale sometime held in Swanhungre, viz., messuage with curtilage, garden, lands, meadows, feedings and pastures with their appurtenances—80 Edw. III., 1357.
- 24.** POWER of attorney from James le Botiller, Earl of Ormond, and John Neell, Master of the House of St. Thomas de Acon, London, to take seisin of Great Compton Manor, co. Warwick, and Hounspill, co. Somerset, from John, Archbishop of York, Bartholomew Brokesby and Robert Dancy.—(Gen. Ser. 4262)—Hen. VI., 12 Nov., 1447.

**25.** FROFFMENT by John Neell, Master of the House of St. Thomas de Acon, London, to James le Botiller, Earl of Ormond, and Richard Bingham, Justice of the Pleas of his Manors of Shire and Vacherie with the Advowson of Alford, co. Surrey, his Manor of Fritwell, co. Oxon, his Manor of Colde Aston, co. Gloucester, and his Manor of Breen, co. Som., also the Advowson of St. Margaret in East Tilbury, co. Essex.—Witnesses, Henry Norbery, Robert Harecourt, Maurice Berkeley de Beverston, John Stourton, William Paulet, knight, and others.—(Gen. Ser. 4262)—**26** Hen. VI, 12 Nov. [1447.]

**26.** LEASE from Sir Henry Berkeley, knight, Lord Berkeley and Lady Katherine, his wife, to Samuell Neale of Berkeley, co. Glou., gent., of a meadow called the Fisheringe *als.* the Fishes, containing 10 acres, in the Manor of Ham or Hamfallow, "provided that if Lord Berkeley and Lady Katherine, his wife, came to keep house at their castle of Berkeley, there to remain for the space of half a year, the tenancy may be terminated &c."—**84** Eliz., 9 Nov.

**27.** Jeaye's Catalogue of Berkeley Castle Charters (1892).

**28.** St. Mary Overie's, Southwark, by Francis T. Dollman (1881).

**29.** The History of the House of Arundel by John Pym Yeatman (1882).

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**30.** WILL of Thomas Nele de Cirencestria.—Proved by son 'Magister' William Neale—**9** Nov. 1495.

**31.** WILL of Ric. Nelle of Cirencester.—Proved by Johanna the relict—**24** June 1499.

**32.** WILL of Robard Nealle of Yate (son of William and Edith)—**17** September 1544.

**33.** WILL of Simon Nele of Yate—**12** Feb. 1552.

**34.** WILL of Thomas Neale the elder of Yate (father of Alexander of Yate and Thomas the Divine)—**7** July 1584. (Proved 15 November 1585.) See Appendix B.

**35.** WILL of Elizabeth Neale late wife of Thomas Neale the Elder of Yate,—William Veele, gent., and Henrye Baynham overseers—**6** Augt. 1586. (Proved 24 Nov. 1587.)

**36.** LETTERS of administration of goods of Thomas Neale (son of Thomas and Elizabeth) of the parish of Yate, co. Glouc., granted to Christian Neale, relict—**23** Sept. 1590.

**37.** WILL of Alexander Neale (son of Thos. and Elizabeth) of Yate, co. Glouc., gentleman.—Brother-in-law William Vele and Nicholas Thorne, gentleman, overseers—**17** July 1591. (Proved 6 Septr. 1592.) See Appendix B.

**38.** WILL of Thomas Neall (son of Alexander) of Berkeley, tanner. (*See Appendix B*)—8 Novr. 1612.

**39.** LETTERS of administration of goods of Alexander Neale (son of Thos. the Divine) of Berkeley, co. Glou., granted to Alice Neale, relict—26 Octobet 1624.

**40.** WILL of John Neale (grandson of Thomas the Tanner) of Yate, co. Gloucester, yeoman.—Trustees, his loveing kinsman Alexander Neale of Yate and Daniell Webb of Chipping Sodbury.—Witnesses, Alexander B. Belsier, Alexander Neale and Tho. Smith—18 March 1687. (Proved by Mary Neale, his wife, 27 April, 1688.)

**41.** WILL of above Alexander Neale of Yate, yeoman.—Witnesses, John Neale, Senr., John Neale, Junr., Gabriel Neale, Robert Smith—1689.

**42.** WILL of Robert Neale the Elder of Yate, co. Gloucester, yeoman. Devise of Robert Neale's tenement to son Robert and Wixoldbury to daughter Elizabeth.—His friends, Abraham Lloyd of Winterborne and Thomas Sturge of Gaunts Ircot, trustees for his children. Witnesses, Richard Belsire and others—14 Dec., 1708.

**43.** WILL of John Neale the Elder of Yate, yeoman.—His son Benjamin sole executor. Witnesses, Richard Stokes and others—25 Feb, 1760. (Proved 18 January, 1762.)

**44.** WILL of Benjamin Neale of Yate, gentleman.—T. Stokes, Junr., and other witnesses—18 May, 1801.

**45.** EXCHEQUER. Lay Subsidies. Gloucester ~~15~~. Names of those paying to the subsidy granted to the king to be paid 16 Hen. VIII.—Collected 15 Hen. VIII. [A.D. 1529-4].

#### Yeate.

John Neale in goods 40s. to the subsidy 12d.

**46.** GRANT to Thomas Neale, Elizabeth his wife and Edith their daughter [Augmentation Office. Rentals and Surveys. Portfolio I., No. 5, fol. 78b. Manor of Yate, county of Gloucester]—21 September, 1590 (22 Hen. VIII.).

**47.** SURRENDER to William Nele, Edith his wife, Robert and Agthes their children of one messuage, &c., in the Manor of Yate. John Panter-Steward of the Court [Augmentation Office, &c., fol. 71]—22 April, 1588 (25 Hen. VIII.).

**48.** GRANT to Thomas Nele, Elizabeth his wife and Alexander their son of two messuages, &c. [fol. 78b]—1 May 1588 (20 Hen. VIII.).

**49.** GRANT of land to Thomas Nele, Elizabeth his wife and Alexander their son [fol. 78]—17 April, 1544 (85 Hen. VIII.).

**50.** RECOGNISANCE, William Neel and others to the King and Queen—Close Roll, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary.

**51.** FINE in consideration of £40 paid by Richard Neale to Sir Henry Compton, knight, Lord Compton for a moiety of a messuage and 340 acres of land and common of pasture in Horton—(18 Eliz.) 1575 [Feet of Fines, Gloucester].

**52.** FINE in consideration of 160 marks of silver paid by Alexander Neale to William Stump and Mary his wife for 2 messuages and 120 acres of land in Hawkesbury, Shipton Moyne and Shipton Dovell—(19 Eliz.) 1576.

**53. CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS.** As to purchase of William Neale, esquire, one of Her Majesty's Auditors, the manor of Nannam Prior, the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Bromley, knight, L. Chauncelor of England—9 May, 1582.

**54. FINE** in consideration of £40 paid by Alexander Neale to John Bery alias Berry for the messuage, &c., in Dursley alias Dorsley—25 and 26 Eliz. (1588).

**55. FINE** in consideration of 200 marks of silver paid by Thomas Neale to Thomas Ivye, esquire, Nicholas Webbe, gentleman, and Martha his wife, and Robert Webb, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, for 3 messaages, 2 tofts, and 320 acres of land, meadow, pasture and wood, &c., in Wikeware, Oldbury and Cromeahale—29 and 30 Eliz. (1587).

**56. FINE** in consideration of £160 paid by William Willcox to Richard Neale, William Neale and Catharine his wife, for 360 acres of land, meadow pasture of common, &c., in Horton—32 Eliz. (1590).

**57. FINE** in consideration of £100 paid by Michael Neale to Thomas Estcourt the elder, esquire, and Emma his wife, and Thomas Estcourt the younger, gentleman, for two messuages, one cottage, one toft and 96 acres of land, meadow, pasture, &c. in Old Sodbury and Combesende—88 Eliz. (1596).

**58. CHANCERY Inquisition Post Mortem** taken at Berkeley. Thomas Neale (the Tanner), Alexander Neale his son (aged 27) and Thomas Neale, son of his son Alexander—15 March, 1611 (11 James I.).

**59. FRAGMENT** of paper indenture of demise of lands.—Christopher Neale to Thomas Smith. Ada Bayham and John Neale witnesses. Katherine his wife. [Curious endorsement concerning (1) Damietta in Egypt, (2) The Holy Warre, and (3) The great piramide in Egypt]—1641.

**60. GRANT** of copyhold or customary messuage and tenement and lands in Yate to Priscilla Neale, wife of Robert Neale, and Robert Neale their son—6 July 1658.

**61. DEMISE** (for 60 years) by Robert Neale the elder, of Yate, to Robert Neale the younger, his son, of lands at Yate for the better maintenance, livelihood and preferment of Robert Neale the son.—Witness, Thomas Tylor—1 January 1675 (27 Charles II.). [Memorandum endorsed: That the names of the other sons were John, Thomas and Richard]—1 January 1675 (27 Charles II.).

**62. DOCUMENT** between (1) Richard Beckford, esquire, (2) Sir Francis Chaplin, knight, (3) William Chapman and (4) Robert Neale, Thos. Neale and William Sturges relating to land in the manor of Yate.—Witnesses, Richard Hawksworth, Christopher Coles, junr.—16 Oct. 1677 (29 Charles II.).

**63. DEMISE** upon trust to attend the inheritance of same land by Robert Neale of Yate to William Sturges and Thomas Neale, both of Yate—16 October 1677.

**64. LEASE** and Release of same lands by Richard Beckford to Robert Neale—3 and 5 November 1677 (29 Charles II.).

**65. DEMISE** for 80 years of lands at Yate in trust for Robert Neale the son, for his "better livelihood, maintenance and preferment in the world," by Priscilla Neale to Robert Neale, her son, and William Sturgess and Thomas Neale.—Witnesses, Mathew Walker, Richard Neale, [Sir Dennis Gawden, knight, Lord of the Manor of Yate]—16 November 1677 (29 Charles II.).

**66.** DEMISE for 80 years of lands in Yate in trust for Robert Neale by William Hill of Chewton-under-Mendipp, co. Somerset, to Robert Neale, William Sturges, and Thomas Neale, all of Yate.—William Bendell and Jone Selway, witnesses—2 May 1678 (80 Charles II.).

**67.** ROBERT NEALE's settlement of Neale's Tenement in marriage for a jointure between (1) Robert Neale, Thomas Neale, and William Sturges, (2) John Smith of Newton, Rockhampton, co. Gloucester, and Martha Smith, his daughter, and (3) Samuel Rollister of Bristol and Joseph Canings of Thornbury.—Witnesses, Richard Hawksworth, John Dimery, and Tobias Walker. [*Memorandum endorsed*: The family had been at Yate ever since the year 1400 or thereabouts. . . . Robert Neale, the father, was born at Yate, 1651, and died at his house there December 18th, 1703, in the 52nd year of his age, and he was buried at Sodbury, in the Quakers' Burial Place]—8 and 4 Feb. 1681 (84 Charles II.).

**68.** RELEASE of Hither Hayleaze by Thomas Neale to Robert Neale, his brother.—Witnesses, John Pinnell, Joysery Pinnell, and John Neale—8 April 1682 (84 Charles II.).

**69.** LEASE and Release of Gossty Ground between (1) John Neale the elder, Mary his wife, John Neale the younger, and Thomas Smith the younger, (2) Samuel Witchell and (3) Robert Neale—28 and 29 July 1684.

**70.** CONVEYANCE between (1) Mary Neale, widow, relict of John Neale, deceased, John Neale her son, Alexr. Neale, Daniel Webb and Thos. Smith, and (2) Robt. Neale—9 and 10 April 1690.

**71.** MORTGAGE.—Robert Neale of Yate to John Goring of Turney's Court Cold Ashton, co. Gloucester—14 April 1690 (2 Will. and Mary).

**72.** COUNTERPART of above mortgage.

**73.** SETTLEMENT of land adjacent to Antient's Heath, Yate, by Robert Neale upon himself, his wife Martha, and his daughters Martha and Elizabeth.—Trustees, Thos. Somers of Pensford, and Valentine Saunders of Bristol. [*Memorandum endorsed*: This Martha (the wife) was the daughter of Mr. John Smith, who had been an officer in the Parliament Army and was a branch of the Smiths of North Nibley in Gloucester]—14 May 1692 (4 Will. and Mary). [John Smyth of Nibley was the author of the Lives of the Berkeleys, edited by Sir John Maclean.]

**74.** MORTGAGE by Robert Neale to John Goring.—Witnesses, Richard Hawksworth, John Dimery and Joseph Sayer—14 November 1694 (6 Will. and Mary).

**75.** LEASE and Release.—Francis Rogers, Hannah his wife, James Freeman and Joseph Vigor to Robert Neale—8 and 4 August 1700 (11 William III.).

**76.** A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and hereditaments of Robert Neale of Yate—26 Feb. 1708 (2 Anne).

**77.** ASSIGNMENT of mortgage between (1) Robert Neale the younger, of Corsham, clother, son and heir apparent of Robert Neale the elder, of Yate, deceased, (2) Edmund Guning of Langridge, co. Somerset, administrator of John Guning and (3) John Guning of Langridge, gent.—8 Feb. 1708 (7 Anne).

**78.** SETTLEMENT of Neale's Tenement and lands in the occupation of Mary Neale upon Robert Neale of Corsham, Sarah his wife, daughter of William Arnold of Corsham, mercer, and the heirs of their bodies. Between (1) Robert Neale of Corsham, clothier, and Sarah Neale his wife, (2) William Arnold of Corsham and Richard Belsire of Yate, gent.—Witnesses, Nathl. Wade, Thos. Buckler, and Nath. Careles—17 and 18 June 1708 (7 Anne). [Endorsement: The counterpart of this delivered to Sir Wm. Coddington with the title-deeds of the farm at Yate, which was sold to him about 1729 for £1,900. This Sarah Neale had att several payments £1,300 to her fortune. She at St. Mary's in the Devizes at the age of about 25, and Robert Neale, her husband, about 22 years, were married the 26th Decr. 1704-5. She died at Corsham 1745, of a consumption in the 66th year of her age, being born the 10th Septr. 1679. She had by the said Robert Neale, who was born 10th Feby. 1682, dyed December 10, 1733, aged near 51, five sons.]

Robert, born at Corsham, May 25, 1706, married at Cullerne to Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Smith of Shaw, esquire, the 3rd November 1735.

William, born Feb. 5, 1708, died Oct. 5, 1722, fever.

James, born Decr. 8, 1709, died 17 Augt. 1734, fever.

Thomas, born May 10, 1712, died 21 Mar. 1728, consumption.

George, born 15 Septr. 1714, dyed of smallpox Jan. 16, 1745.

All buried at Corsham.]

**79.** GRANT and Release of 2 closes called the Two Sheep Leazes at Yate to Robert Neale the younger of Corsham, in consideration of the devise by Robert Neale the elder of a messuage or tenement at Wixoldbury, wherein Jasper More dwelt, to Elizabeth Neale, his daughter. Between (1) Charles Ireland of the City of Bristol, soapmaker, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Robert Neale the elder of Yate, (2) William Porrock of the City of Bristol, merchant, and (3) Robert Neale the younger of Corsham.—Witnesses, William Arnoll and Elizabeth Hill—2 July 1718 (12 Anne).

**80.** MORTGAGE.—Robert Neale the younger of Corsham, clothier, to Nathaniel Webb of Naylesworth, co. Gloucester, clothier.—Witnesses, Nathaniel Webb, junr. and Francis Savage—24 July 1718 (2 George).

**81.** AGREEMENT by Robert Neale of Corsham, gent., and Sarah his wife, to convey to Sir William Codrington of Dodington, Bart., in fee simple for £1,900, Neale's Tenement, 13 closes of land (named therein) and a dwelling-house in the occupation of John Cole.—Witnesses, Jeremiah Hopkins and Ste : Simpson—1 Septr. 1729 (8 Geo. II.). [Memorandum endorsed: The reason that induced my father to sell this estate at Yate, which had been by copy lease and from the time that 'twere made freehold to now I suppose 250 (?) years in the family, were because it lay so remote from him here at Corsham, and because he had so great a price for it; 'twere but 69 acres, lett for but £66 per annum, and at which price the tenant lost money and never paid his rent well, being too dear lett. Indeed, there were about £150 of timber wood on it. The money lett £5 per cent. on good land security which brings in clear of all charges more than the estate did £39 per annum at least.]

£66 Rent.

£10 taxes and charges deducted at least, but sometime more.

£56 clear money.

£66 at 27 years' purchase is	- - - - -	£1782
Valued the timber at	- - - - -	118
Sold the Estate for	- - - - -	<u>£1900</u>
Paid out for acknowledging the fine	- - - - -	£3
Cash £1900 at 5% is	- - - - -	£95
Estate at	- - - - -	56
Odds	-	<u>£39</u>

This estate cost my grandfather about £860. 'Twas not tythe free about the year 1690. My grandfather, Robert Neale, contested with Mr. Mason, the then parson, the payment and manner of paying it, in which he had various success and very expensive to him and the parson. At last the parson consented to agreement after being at about £500 charge, which was conclusive, and the greatest part of grandfather's raised and repaid him by the Quakers, amongst whom he now lies interred at Sodbury.]

**82.** DECLARATION of uses of a fine to settle John Neale's Tenement at Yate with 6 closes of land (named therein) containing 80 acres with common of pasture and common of estovers, upon John Neale, William his son, and Michael son of William. Between (1) John Neale of Yate, yeoman, and William Neale of Winterborne, only son and heir of said John Neale, and (2) Alexander Neale of Yate, yeoman—28 June 1788 (12 Geo. II.).

**83.** MORTGAGE by John Neale of Yate (eldest son of Benjamin Neale of Yate, who was brother of William Neale of Winterborne, of whose issue there was a total failure) and Nancy Neale his wife, of John Neale's Tenement and lands to Joseph Alway of Horton, yeoman—1 September 1808 (48 Geo. III.).

**84.** Collegiorum Scholarumque Publicarum Academiæ Oxoniensis topographica delineatio—Auctore Thoma Nelo—2 Sept. 1566. [When a copy of these views with Neale's Latin verses under each was presented by him to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen was greatly pleased and 'regarded the gift as the greatest and best she had ever received.']}

**85.** Dialogus in adventum Reginæ Serenissimæ Dominæ Elizabethæ gratulatorius, inter Eandem Reginam et Dominum Robertum Dudlæum Comitem Lecestriæ et Oxoniensis Academiæ Cancellarium. By 'Serenissimæ Magestatis tuæ observantissimus alumnus Thomas Nelus hebraicæ Linguæ Professor, Oxon'—5 Sept. 1566.

#### BELSIRES OF YATE.

**86.** WILL of Johannes Belser of the parish of Yatte.—Sons, Alexander, Thomas, William and Leonard; daughters, Elizabeth, Helen and Jane—6 Decr. 1551.

**87.** WILL of Elizabeth Belsey, widow, of the parish of Yatte.—Sons, Alexander, Thomas, William; daughters, Elizabeth, Elen Drynge, Joane Byrgsall—24 April 1560.

**88.** WILL of Alexander Belsyre, Bachelor of Sacred Theology, of Handborough, co. Oxon. Directs Master John Rastell to erect a monument to him. Gives 13s. 4d. to Master Rede. Sundry bequests to Master Nele, Leonard Nele, Master Burnell, Marian Rawlyns, Thomas Belsyre, Leonarde Belsyre, George Belsyre, Alexander Belsyre, Thomas Rawlyns, and Alexander his son.—Executors, Thomas Nele and Simon Drynge; Overseers, Master Thomas Wyllyams, Alderman of Oxford, and Dominus Walter Burnell.—Witnesses, Thomas Willsonns, clerk, Andrew Dotyn and Thomas Rawlenes—10 July 1567.

**89.** WILL of George Belsyre of Yate, yeoman. Mary Belshyre his wife. Sons, Henry Thomas, George, Edmund and John; daughters, Elizabeth Edyth.—Overseers, Alexander Neale of Yate and Henry Beynham of Yate, clothier. Debts owing to Wm. Bridge of Wynson, Edward West of Rangeworthy, Wm. Cowles of Old Sodbury, Richard Deane of Hawxbury and Edmon. Lawson of Preston sub Stoure.—Witnesses, Thomas Burnell, Edmonde Belsyre, Wm. Dier, Thomas Walker and others—1 December 1580 (Proved 17th Augt. 1587).

**90.** WILL of Alexander Belsher of Yate.—Robert Belsher, his brother; sisters, Dorathye Purnelle and Margrette Symons; father-in-law, Thomas Collins—11 March 1591.

**91.** WILL of John Belcher of Mickleton, co. Glo.—Alice his wife; daughters, Anne Guese and Elizabeth Poole; son-in-law, Edmunde Guese—7 Feb. 1594.

**92.** WILL of Richard Belcheyr of Tuffley, co. Glo.—Wife, Margaret; son, Thomas; daughter, Margaret; brothers, Ralph and Robert. Gives son Thomas 3 score sheep and Birdlipp—3 Decr. 1598.

#### MANOR OF WIXOLDBURY, Co. GLOUCESTER.

**93.** FINE in consideration of 200 marks of silver paid by Thos. Neale [The Divine] for 3 messuages, 2 tofts and 320 acres of land, meadow, pasture, wood, rent of 8s. &c. in Wickwar, Oldbury and Cromeahale.—Thos. Neale, Plt.; Thos. Ivye, esquire, Nicholas Webbe, gent., Martha his wife, Robt. Webb, gent. and Elizabeth his wife, Deforciants—Mich. 1587 (29 and 30 Eliz.). [Feet of Fines, Gloucester.]

**94.** ADMINISTRATION grant to Christian Neale, relict of Thomas Neale of Yate (P.C.C. Ads. 1587-91, f. 150b)—28 Sept. 1590.

**95.** GRANT in fee.—Alexander Neale to John Oliver—9 Jan. 1598 (40 Elizabeth).

**96.** FINE.—Robt. Olyver, plt.; Alexr. Neale, Richard Webbe and Mary his wife, Deforciants—Easter 1598 (40 Elizabeth).

**97.** FINE.—Christiana Neale, widow, plt.; Nicholas Veel, gent. and Margaret, his wife, deforciants—Meadow of 15 acres in Ule, alias Uley.

**98.** GRANT in fee by Robert Oliver, gent., to Abell Kitchen—20 August 1601 (48 Elizabeth).

**99.** GRANT in fee of 2 cottages in Wickwar by Alexander Neale, Alice his wife, Abell Kitchen and William Linke, to John Kitchen, son of said Abell.

**100.** ADMINISTRATION grant to Alice Neale, relict of Alexander Neale of Berkeley, co. Gloucester—26 Octr. 1624.

**101.** WILL of Abell Kitchen, Alderman of the City of Bristol—19 January 1639 (15 Charles). [Children of Testator: Abell Kitchen; Mary Meredith, wife of Nicholas Meredith; and Sarah Kitchen, wife of Robert Kitchen. Granchildren (*inter alia*): Mary Seymour, wife of Thomas Seymour; Dorothy, wife of Francis Methwin; Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Rosewell.]

**102.** INQUISITION Post Mortem taken at Marshfield before Thomas Hart, gentleman, escheator, after the death of Abel Kitchen, senior, by the oath of John Sloper, John Beale, John Attwood, Thomas Phelps, Robert Deacon, George Woodward, William Flower, Francis Baker, John Dolinge, William Beale, Edward Winyard, William Seaborne and Thomas Attwood.—Found (*inter alia*) that the premises in Wickwar were held of the lord of the manor of Beverston as of his manor of Beverston in socage by fealty and rent—6 April 1641 (17 Chas. I.).

**103.** INQUISITION Post Mortem taken at Marshfield before Thomas Harte, esquire, escheator after the death of Abel Kitchen, junior, by the oath of the same persons as above.—Found (*inter alia*) that the said Abel Kitchen, junior, married on 24 January 1627, Alice Baber, daughter of John Baber of Tormarton, Professor of Sacred Theology; and that land containing 40 acres in Wickwar in the tenure of Christiana Neale, widow, Thomas Neale and William Neale, and one tenement there and 30 acres of land in the tenure of Arthur Neale and Francis Neale were then lately purchased by the said Abel of John Kitchen his brother—6 April 1641 (17 Chas. I.).

**104.** GRANT by Abell Meredith of Bury in Doynton, Glou., to Thomas Iles of Borkington, Som., Dorothy his wife, Elizabeth Rosewell of Hannam, Bitton, Glou., widow, and Sarah Kitchen of Bristol, spinster.—Lessees mentioned (*inter alia*) Thomas Iles, Thomas Holborow, William Dando—18 June 1652.

**105.** CONVEYANCE between (1) John Meredith of Winterbourne and Ann his wife, (2) William Meredith of Bristol and Margaret his wife, (3) Richard Harfield of Winterbourne and Bridget his wife, and (4) William Jones of Westerleigh and Stephen Brice, Staple Inn, London, gent.—10 Decr. 1654.

**106.** INDENTURE OF FINE.—Same parties as in last doct. [Justices of Crown Bench, John Edward Atkins, Mathew Hale, Hugh Wyndham]—Easter 1655.

**107.** GRANT by William Jones, John Meredith, Richard Harfield, and Bridget his wife, to Michael Neale of Acton Ilger, Iron Acton.—Witnesses, Walter Clement, William Brinkworth, John Smith—24 January 1658.

**108.** INDENTURE of Final Agreement.—Same parties as above—Hilary 1658.

**109.** GRANT between (1) Sarah Kitchen, spinster, (2) John Smith of Hassell, Elveston, Glou., and (3) Michael Neale—1 July 1661.

**110.** BARGAIN and sale for a year of the capital messuage, mansion house or scite of the Manor of Wixoldbury between (1) Stephen Rosewell of Mangotsfield, Elizabeth his wife, Michael Neale, Charles Meredith of Wickwar and Mary his wife, and (2) Gabriell Belshire of Yate, gent. and George Flower of Sciston, gent.—8 March 1665 (18 Charles II.).

**111.** DEED of partition between (1) Steven Rosewell and Elizabeth his wife, (2) Michael Neale, (3) Charles Meredith and Mary his wife, (4) Thomas Iles and Dorothy his wife, and (5) Gabriel Belshire and George Flower—5 March 1665 (18 Charles II.).

**112.** WILL of Michael Neale of Iron Acton. Proved by his brother Henry —6 Feb. 1667.

**113.** LEASE and Release by Francis Rogers, Hannah his wife, James Freeman and Joseph Vigor to Robert Neale—3 and 4 August 1700 (11 William III.).

**114.** WILL of Robert Neale the elder of Yate, devising Wixoldbury to Elizabeth his daughter—14 Decr. 1708.

**115.** BOND by Charles Ireland of Bristol to Mary Saunders in £2,000 to execute a settlement of the real estate of Elizabeth Neale, spinster.—Witnesses, Mary Counsell, Martha Evans—22 April 1710 (9 Anne).

**116.** MORTGAGE. Charles Ireland to Josias Larkin of Bristol.—Witnesses, James Hardwicke, William Scammell, junr., William Taylore—28 Septr. 1720.

**117.** WILL of Elizabeth Ireland, widow of Charles Ireland. Mentions (*inter alia*) her sons Charles and Henry, her sister Sarah Wood, her cousin Anne, wife of Samuel Pye, her cousin Elizabeth, wife of John Payn, and her nephew Robert Neale.—Witnesses (*inter alia*) Gravett Phillips of St. Martins Ongar, London, a Quaker—30 July 1735 (Probate 1758).

**118.** SETTLEMENT by Lease and Release upon Robert Neale of Corsham (for want of issue of Charles Ireland) between (1) Charles Ireland of Wixoldbury, gent., eldest and only surviving son of Charles Ireland and Elizabeth his wife, (2) John Thresher of Bradford, Wilts, esquire, and John Norris of Chippenham, Wilts, esquire, and (3) Robert Neale of Corsham, Wilts, esquire—18 and 14 June 1789 (18 Geo. II.)—Witnesses, Thomas Osburne, blacksmith, of Corsham, Thomas Neale of Wixoldbury, Ann Axford from Willton, nr. Wesbury, but servant to Mr. Neale. [Endorsed: Mr. Ireland died unmarried and without issue in 1739 or 1740 and is buried in St. Peter's Church, Bristol.]

**119.** 8 DEEDS relating to two closes, part of Great Inlands, containing 7 acres, between the years 1665 and 1742 inclusive. The parties mentioned are:—Charles Meredith of Wickwar and Mary his wife; Henry Russell of Wickwar; Charles Brookes of Wickwar, Elizabeth his wife, heir of John Russell; Joseph Webb of Burkover, Thornbury, clothier; Elizabeth Mitchell of Charfield; Esther Mitchell; Daniel Adey of Wotton-under-Edge, clothier; and Robert Neale of Corsham.—Witnesses (*inter alia*), Joseph Pagler, Elia Stokes and Samuel Stokes. The conveyance by Daniel Adey to Robert Neale is dated 25 and 26 March 1742 (15 Geo. II.).

**120.** CONVEYANCE.—(1) Grace Elizabeth Neale, (2) the Duke of Somerset, Sir William Gibbons, William Norris and William Arnold—2 and 8 Decr. 1792.

**121.** CONVEYANCE.—(1) Lydia Frances Neale, (2) Sir William Gibbons, William Norris and William Arnold—5 and 6 Febr. 1794.

**122.** SETTLEMENT.—(1) Sir Harry Burrard, (2) Grace Elizabeth Neale, (3) Alexander Arthur Hood, Lord Bridport, (4) Sir Giles Rooke, knight, Justice of the Common Pleas, (5) Nathaniel Bond, esquire—14 April 1795.

**123.** LEASE for 21 years.—Sir Harry Neale, Bart., to Richard Ford—1 December 1806.

**124.** RELEASE for making a tenant to the precipe for Common Recoveries of Estates (*inter alia*) in co. Gloucester.—(1) Sir Harry Neale, Bart., and Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, Dame Grace Elizabeth his wife, (2) John Neale of Berkeley, esquire, (3) John Corbett Neale of Yate, gent., (4) Philip Burnett of Lincoln's Inn, (5) Robert Whitmore of Lincoln's Inn, (6) Geo. Duckett of Lower Grosvenor Street, Middlesex, esquire, and Henry Williams of Chipping Sodbury, gent.—81 August 1822.

**125.** RECOVERY.—Lands in Wickwar and Yate, Glouc. (1) Robert Whitmore, (2) Philip Burnett, (3) John Corbett Neale. [Portrait of Geo. IV. in initial letter.] Mich. Term 1823.

**126.** CONVEYANCE of life estate.—(1) Dame Grace Elizabeth Neale, late of Walhampton, then of Warren's Hotel, Regent's Street, widow, (2) John Neale of Berkeley, gent., and (3) John Corbett Neale of Yate, gent.—23 and 24 December 1840.

**127.** CONTRACT for purchase.—(1) Trustees of J. C. Neale, deceased, (2) Robert Neale, esquire—24 Sept. 1856.

**128.** GRANT and Conveyance by William Gale, John Arnold and David Selman to Robert Neale of Thingley, Corsham, Wilts—24 Feb. 1858.

### CORSHAM, CO. WILTS.

#### WILLS, SETTLEMENTS, &c.

**129.** WILL of Robert Neale the elder of Yate.—Devise to his son Robert Neale's Tenement and lands at Yate. Abraham Lloyd and Thomas Sturge Trustees. Richard Belsire and others, witnesses—14 Dec. 1708 (Probate 15 Jan. 1708-4).

**130.** SETTLEMENT.—(1) Robert Neale of Corsham, clothier; Sarah Neale his wife, daughter of Wm. Arnold of Corsham, mercer. (2) William Arnold of Corsham, Richard Belsire of Yate, gent.; Neale's Tenement and lands at Yate to Robert Neale for life; remainder to Sarah Neale; remainder to heirs of their bodies—17 and 18 June 1708 (7 Anne).

**131.** SURRENDER by William Arnold and Jane Arnold, widow, to Robert Neale of a parcel of a close in the King's Manor of Corsham called Broadmead adjoining the King's highway from Laycock to Bath on the south side thereof situate in the Town Tything and containing 2 acres.—Jacob Long, Bart., Lord of Manor; Henry Goldney, steward; John Sommers, bailiff; John Wilshire and Samuel Rogers, tenants—26 Oct. 1721 (8 George).

[*Endorsement.*—For these 2 acres of land my father paid £ 100 and from the year 1721 to 1723 or 1724 he laid out in buildings, there } having been none before £ 2,100

£ 2,200]

**132. SURRENDER** by William Arnold to Robert Neale of part of Long Mead on which the back part of Stables and Coach-house were built—22 Jany. 1724.

**133. AGREEMENT** by Robert Neale and Sarah his wife with Sir Wm. Codrington of Dodington, Bart., for sale of Neale's Tenement and lands at Yate—1 Septr. 1729. (*See* Yate Records.)

**134. SURRENDER** and admittance by way of settlement.—(1) Robert Neale, senr.; (2) Sarah Neale his wife, and Robert Neale their son and heir. The parcel of Broadmead and the Mansion House and buildings erected thereon. Sir Robt. Long, Bart., Lord of Manor; Thomas Tattersall, Steward—22 Octr. 1729 (3 Geo. III.). [*Endorsement*: The land contained in this copy is surrendered in lieu of our estate late at Yate, which was sold to Sir Wm. Codrington last year . . . The seat in the church under the Parish Gallery did belong to the head hold house I sold Wm. Chanter in the Town Tything, and in the contract as by the bond appears the seats were reserved for this house as now enjoyed. This seat was in 1783 at my father's expense repaired and enlarged.]

**135. WILL** of Robert Neale of Corsham.—Bequests to wife of £110 yearly out of estates at Littlecott and Notton, &c.; bequest to son James of Littlecott, £500, the best rideing horse, bridle and saddle and my best pair of pistols and my silver-hilted sword and scarlett cloake and my watch; bequests to sister-laws Jane Deek and Ann Pye; to his sister Elizabeth Ireland and her sons Charles and Harry; to brother-law Wm. Arnoll and brother Saml. Pye; to uncle Charles Arnoll; to cousins Wm. Neale, Thomas Neale and Robert Neale; to servant Edward Bryant £20 and all woollen apparel not devised; to his son Robert Neale, whom he made full and whole Executor. Witnesses—John Sylvester, Elizabeth Pearce, Jane Ponting and Jane Bullock—1 March 1782. (Proved 4 March 1788.)

**136. SETTLEMENT** upon marriage of Robert Neale of Corsham, esquire, and Elizabeth Smith of Shaw, Melksham, between (1) Robert Neale, (2) Elizabeth Smith, (3) John Smith of Shaw, esquire, Ezekiel Wallis of Lucknam, Cullern, Wilts, esquire, and Lucas Selfe of Beanacre, Melksham, Esquire. Lands of Elizabeth Smith:—(1) Moiety of manor of Tollar Wylme and Catscliffe, co. Dorset, and (2) two thirds of Littlecott (bounded on E. by lands of said Robert Neale). Lands of Robert Neale:—Copyhold lands (excepting the freebench of Sarah Neale) contained in 10 surrenders enumerated. Witnesses—Harry Witts of Tetbury and his clerk—29 Octr. 1735. [*Endorsements as to*: (1) Said marriage at Cullerne by Mr. Needham in the presence of Mr. Self, Mrs. Wallis, Mr. H. Witts and others, (2) the death of Mrs. Neale in 1771, her burial in the chancel at Corsham, and removal to Chalfield in April, 1774, (3) the birth, marriage, death and burial at Chalfield of son Robert, (4) birth and burial of sons William and Thomas, (5) birth and burial of daughter Elizabeth, and (6) the Great Farm at Littlecote and the other Littlecote lands.]

**137. ABSTRACT** of deeds relating to the lands of Robert Neale and Elizabeth his wife—5 April 1769.

**138. THREE LETTERS.** John Walton (steptfather of Miss Grace Goldstone) to Robert Neale of Corsham relating to proposals for settlement on marriage of Robert Neale the son to the said Grace Goldstone—1770.

**139.** SETTLEMENT upon marriage of Robert Neale the younger, of Corsham, and Grace Goldstone (only child of Gwyn Goldstone) between (1) Robert Neale the elder, Elizabeth his wife, and Robert Neale the younger, (2) John Walton of Howard Street, St. Clement Danes, Middlesex, Grace his wife (late Grace Goldstone, widow), and Grace Goldstone, spinster, (3) William Norris of Nonsuch, Wilts, and William Duckett of Hartham, Wilts, (4) Thomas Mainwaring of the city of Chester, and (5) Samuel Salt of the Inner Temple and John Norris of the Middle Temple. Pin money of £200 a year; jointure of £1,000 per ann. Miss Goldstone's fortune £7,700 bank stock and consols. Robert Neale's lands (1) manor, mansion house and advowson of Great Chalfield, the Constableship of Trowbridge and lands in Holt, purchased by Robert Neale the elder of the Duke of Kingston, (2) Littlecott in the parish of Hilmarton, (3) Lights Farm and lands in Yatton, Wilts, (4) lands in Notton in the parish of Laycock, Wilts, (5) the mansion house called Shaw House, Melksham, (6) the mansion house called Shaw Farm and lands in Melksham and Beanacre, (7) Norwood Lodge and lands at Glastonbury, co. Somerset, and (8) canonhold of the manor of Melksham. [*Endorsements as to:* (1) The marriage at St. Clements Deans by Mr. Neate on 26th July, 1770, (2) the birth of Grace Elizabeth in Grosvenor Street, 10 March 1771, and of Lydia Frances in Oxford Street, 23 Jan. 1773, (3) the birth and burial at Chalfield of Robert Neale the younger, (4) the removal of Mrs. Neale his mother, her daughter Elizabeth and the twin sons from Corsham Church to the vault at Chalfield. Also (5) "May the bitter pill of pin money be ever more expunged out of the settlements of this family and the [ ] to personality be restored in its stead"; (6) "In 1775 the Chancel of the Church at Chalfield is to be rebuilt (etc.) by me according to agreement with my son."]

**140.** WILL of Robert Neale (the younger) of Shaw House, Melksham, Wilts.—Gave all his property to his father in trust for his daughters equally; directed that his daughters should be ever with his father; desired to be decently buried in the chancel of the church of Gt. Chalfield; and appointed as trustees his worthy friends Lord Webb Seymour of Farleigh, Paul Methuen of Corsham (nephew of Lucas Selfe of Beanacre), William Gibbons of Hanwell Place, Middlesex, William Norris of Nonsuch and William Arnold of Corsham. [Paul Methuen of Holt mentioned]—14 January, 1774.

**141.** CONFIRMATION and exemplification of the Neale Family Arms—  
2 June 1774.

**142.** WILL of Robert Neale (the elder) late of Corsham, then of Shaw House, Wilts.—Bequest of £30,000 to Lydia F. Neale. Entail of lands upon Grace E. Neale and Lydia F. Neale and their heirs with remainder (in default) to John Neale, eldest son of Benjamin Neale the elder of Yate, gentleman, for life, and his sons in tail. Gift of large annuities to Lord Webb Seymour of Monckton Farley, Wm. Gibbons and Wm. Norris, and legacies to William Arnold and his cousin Benjamin Neale the elder. Directions as to purchase and settlement of the manor of Corsham. A direction as to erection of monuments in his chancels in the parish churches of Corsham and Great Chalfield. A desire as to the guardianship and education of his grandchildren. Bequests to his servants John Clark, John Clark the younger, Robert Bryant and Jacob Charles. Appointment of Lord Webb Seymour, Sir Wm. Gibbons, William Norris and Wm. Arnold, trustees and executors; and Paul Methuen of Holt and Vicaris Dickinson of Pickwick, trustees of terms. Witnesses—Wm. Eyles, John Ford, and Thomas Eyles of Shaw—21 Decr. 1774.

**143.** BILL of complaint in Chancery between (1) Grace E. Neale and Lydia F. Neale (infants) and (2) Wm. Arnold, Wm. Norris, Lord Webb Seymour, Sir Wm. Gibbons, George Jackson and Grace his wife (lately called Grace Neale, widow), and Robert Neale the younger and others—1777.

**144.** ANSWER of Wm. Arnold in Neale *v.* Arnold with Schedules of (1) household goods, plate, pictures, &c. of Robert Neale the younger and their value, (2) the like of Robert Neale the elder, (3) rental of real estate of Robert Neale the younger with names of tenants, (4) the like of Robert Neale the elder—1777.

**145.** The several answer of Wm. Norris—9 May 1777.

**146.** DECREE in Neale *v.* Arnold—11 Decr. 1778.

**147.** ACCOUNT of John Walton, Esquire, receiver of the rents and profits of the real estates with names of (1) two tenants at Braydon, (2) forty-nine at Corsham, (3) one at Glastonbury, (4) three at Laycock and Notton, (5) twenty-five at Melksham and Whitley, (6) five at Tollar Wylyme, co. Dorset, (7) one at Wickwar, and (8) four at Yatton-Keynall. Including the following names (among others): Freeth, Fry, Gale, Hayward, Hulbert, Osborn, Pocock, Dickinson, Little, Methuen, Stump, Wastfield, Taylor, Arnold, Poulson, Brinkworth, Pope, Smith, and Ford—25 March 1779.

**148.** CONVEYANCE by Grace E. Neale, spinster, to the Most Noble Webb Seymour The Duke of Somerset, Sir William Gibbons, Wm. Norris and Wm. Arnold of undivided moiety of estates to which she was entitled under settlements and will of her father to the uses declared in the will of her grandfather—8 Decr. 1792.

**149.** LIKE CONVEYANCE by Lydia F. Neale, spinster, to The Duke of Somerset—6 Feb. 1794.

**150.** OPINION of Lancelot Shadwell of Lincoln's Inn as to name and arms clause in will of Robt. Neale, senr.—10 Mar. 1795.

**151.** OPINION of J. Mansfield of the Temple thereon—9 April 1795.

**152.** SETTLEMENT upon marriage of Sir Harry Burrard of Walhampton, co. Southampton, Bart., and Grace E. Neale, between (1) Sir Harry Burrard, (2) Grace E. Neale, (3) the Right Honble. Alexander Arthur Hood, Lord Bridport, (4) the Honble. Sir Giles Rooke, Kt., one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, and (5) Nathaniel Bond, Esquire. Mention is made of Sir George Jackson and Lady Jackson; George Burrard and Philip Burrard (nephews); Elizabeth, Harry and Sarah Farnell; Sarah and Mary Ann Burrard; and 37 tenants at Corsham, Shaw, Chalfield, Corscomb and Tollar Wylyme (Dorset) and Wixoldsbury—14 April 1795. [The marriage took place at 7, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, the following day.]

**153.** LETTERS PATENT empowering Sir Harry and Lady Burrard to use and bear the surname and arms of Neale—23 April 1795.

**154.** CONVEYANCE by way of settlement of manor of Blissmore, co. Southampton, &c., on marriage of Henry Gawler and Lydia Frances Neale, between (1) John Bellender Gawler of Englefield Green, Surrey, esquire, (2) Henry Gawler of Ramridge Cottage, Weyhill, co. Southampton, and Lydia Frances his wife (*m̄e* Neale), (3) John Gawler of Ramridge in the county of Southampton (father of said Henry Gawler), (4) Sir Harry Neale and Dame Grace Elizabeth his wife, and John Bellenden Gawler, and (5) John Leach of Lincoln's Inn, esquire—18 March 1801.

**155.** SETTLEMENT of £100 a year for the pin money of Mrs. Lydia Gawler—18 March 1801.

**156.** MEMORIAL to Lydia F. Gawler in south aisle of the Cathedral Church of Bristol—18 March 1814.

**157.** ASSIGNMENT of term, &c., between (1) Sir Harry Neale, Dame Grace E. Neale, John Bellender Gawler (who had then assumed the name of John Bellender Kerr), and (2) Henry Gawler—28 April 1814.

**158.** GENERAL RELEASE, between (1) Henry Gawler of Weyhill and (2) Sir Harry and Lady Neale. Witness—Henry Bellender Ker of Lincoln's Inn—1 June 1814.

**159.** ACT OF PARLIAMENT for enclosing lands in the parish of Corsham, Wilts. Paul Cobb Methuen, Esquire, Lord of the Manor of Corsham, commonly called the King's Manor, Sir Harry Burrard Neale, Bart., and Dame Grace E. Neale his wife, Lord and Lady of the Rectory Manor of Corsham, John Kedington Wish, Vicar of Corsham, Thomas Davis of Horningham, Wilts, gentn., Commissioner—26 June 1816.

**160.** RELEASE for making a tenant to the praecipe for Common Recoveries of Estates in the Counties of Wilts, Dorset and Gloucester for carrying out an agreement for (1) the sale to Sir Harry of the manor, advowson and lands of Great Chalfield and in the Tything of Holt, and (2) for eventually settling all the other manors, advowsons and lands to the use of John Corbett Neale of Yate in fee simple. Between (1) Sir Harry Neale, Bart., and Vice Admiral in the Royal Navy, and Dame Grace Elizabeth his wife, (2) John Neale of Berkeley (eldest son of Benjamin theretofore of Yate), (3) John Corbett Neale of Yate (eldest son of the said John Neale and Nancy his wife), (4) Philip Burnett of Lincoln's Inn, (5) Robert Whitmore of Lincoln's Inn, and (6) Geo. Duckett of Lower Grosvenor Street, Middlesex, and Henry Williams of Chipping Sodbury—81 August 1822.

**161.** RELEASE of life interest by John Neale to John Corbett Neale—1 June 1829.

**162.** DEED OF COVENANT between (1) Dame Grace Elizabeth Neale of Warrens Hotel, St. James, Westminster, widow, and John Corbett Neale of Yate, Glo., gent., and (2) the Great Westn. Ry. Co.—1842.

**163.** DECLARATION by Charles Henry Bellender Ker that no issue of Lydia F. Neale—12 March 1844.

**164.** OPINIONS of Francis Turner and William Dugmore as to Lady Neale's Copyholds at Corsham—8 Feb. and 21 Octr. 1846.

**165.** CONVEYANCE of lands in Laycock between (1) Dame Grace Elizabeth Neale of Cadogan Place, Chelsea, widow, and John Corbett Neale of the Ridge House, Yate, Glo., esquire, and (2) The Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth Rly. Co. [Mentions Lewis Augustus Harry Neale Rebout and Bartle John Laurie Frere]—21 June 1848.

**166.** WILL of John Corbett Neale—18 July 1841; and 2 Codicils—5 and 11 April 1858.

**167.** VALUATION of Corsham Copyholds, including 538*a.* 2*r.* 39*p.* and the Mansion House—18 Septr. 1856.

**168.** SCHEDULE of Deeds and Documents made by Walters Roumien and Young of 9, Lincoln's Inn Fields—1856.

**169.** DECLARATION by Louis Augustus Harry Neale Rebout—15 April 1857.

**170.** OPINION of Mr. Christie as to exchange of Neale Copyhold lands in the King's and Rectory Manors for Methuen Copyhold lands in the same Manors—20 August 1857.

**171.** MUTUAL RELEASE of Copyhold lands subject of invalid exchange between (1) Robert Neale of Thingley, Esquire, (2) Bouchier Mervin Marshall, Mount Sanford, Devon, Esquire, (3) Thomas Alexander, Chippenham, Wilts, gent., (4) the Right Honble. Fredk. Henry Paul Lord Methuen, Baron Methuen, (5) Sir Watkin Williams Wynn of Wynnstay, co. Denbigh, Bart., and (6) Thos. Hulbert, Pickwick, Corsham, gent.

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#### CONVEYANCES.

**172.** SURRENDER by William Dawes, Esquire, and Catherine (eldest daughter and heiress of John Smith of Clanfield, co. Oxford) his wife, and admittance of Robert Neale of Corsham.—Capital messuage called Thingley and lands—14 June 1734.

**173.** SURRENDER by Thomas Gilbert, Francis Hales and Richard Smith and admittance of Robert Neale.—Part of the Lays near Minty Mead in tything of Easton. [*Endorsement*: In consideration of the faithful and [ ] done by Edward Bryant to my father and me and in obedience to my dear father's desire on his death-bed the night before he departed I surrendered the parcel in this copy with the part belonging to Thingley Farm to Edward Bryant and wife for their lives]—14 June 1734.

**174.** ADMITTANCE of Robert Neale as next heir to Robert Neale, decd.—Capital messuage, &c. [Guyers] and lands, all in the tything of Pickwick—24 October 1734.

**175.** SURRENDER by Thomas Hulbert of Wootton Bassett, gent., and Olifte Richmond, Esqre., and admittance of Robert Neale.—Capital messuage called Pitts or the Rudge and lands—22 October 1785.

**176.** SURRENDER by Wm. Arnold, Edward Mitchell, William Hulbert and Jane Deeke, widow, and admittance of Robert Neale.—One of the home closes or Long Mead ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres) in the town tything adjoining to the west side of the dwelling house of the said Robert Neale—19 October 1787.

**177.** SURRENDER by Thomas Stokes and admittance of Robert Neale.—Cottage with curtilage, garden and orchard in the town tything—25 October 1788.

**178.** SURRENDER by Walter Wastfield and Vicris Dickinson and admittance of Robert Neale.—The reversion after the decease of Anne wife of Thos. Hayter (late Anne Wastfield, widow of Wm. Wastfield, decd.) in messuage, lands and tenements in tything of Pickwick in the tenure of Thomas Hayter—26 Octr. 1748.

**179.** SURRENDER by Christian Webber, spinster, and admittance of Robert Neale.—Bowleaze (2 acres) adjoining Robert Neale's home close in town tything—25 October 1749.

**180.** SURRENDER by Paul Methuen and admittance of Robert Neale.—The Tyning Inn (16 acres) and other lands—25 Octr. 1749.

**181.** FIFTEEN SURRENDERS to Robert Neale by the following persons :— Solomon Jones and Mary his wife; William Guy the elder; Anthony Guy; Thos. Hulbert of Wootton Bassett; John Mullens; John Mitchell; Walter Westfield; Thos. Kington; Thos. Kington and Robert Moxham; Edward Mitchell and John Smith (son of Richard Smith of Pickwick); Edward Mitchell and Thos. Mitchell his son; John Gibbons, esquire, and Martha his wife; Grace Hicks, spinster; Grace Hicks, spinster, and Wm. Stump the elder; and Wm. Smith and Jonathan Collett; and admittance of Robert Neale—14 July 1784—24 October 1770.

**182.** ADMITTANCE of Anthony Osborne son of Anthony Osborne—26 October 1762.

**183.** SURRENDER by Anthony Osborne and admittance of Robert Neale the younger—7 March 1768.

**184.** SURRENDER by Robert Neale (the elder) to the use of William Gibbons of Stanwell Place, Middlesex, Wm. Norris of Nonsuch, and Wm. Arnold of Corsham in trust.—All his copyholds in the King's Manor of Corsham—18 April 1774.

**185.** EIGHT LEASES (with plans) by Sir Harry Neale. Tenements and lands in Corsham to Benjamin Young, John Freeth, Walter Chivers, Robert Hulbert, William Hulbert, John Manly, Wm. Thompson, and George Turner. Witness—Anthony Bell, Winchester—1 Decr. 1806.

**186.** LEASE by Sir Harry Neale to Joshua Jerrard Mead. Pitts Farm at Corsham Side—11 May 1807.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

**187.** STATEMENT by Mr. Hollister, Mayor of Wootton Bassett, as to alleged attempt to bribe voters on Election of Member for Parliament for the Borough.—The votes recorded were :—for the Earl of Drumlanrig, 97; for Robert Neale, 96; for John Probyn, 122; for Thomas Estcourt Cresswell, 122. The alleged bribes by Robert Neale were : 10 of his best oxen at Braydon Farm to Chas. Cripps, and 30 guineas per man to 135 voters, with total of money bribes amounting to £5,789. The names of 12 Inns in the town are given; and mention is also made of Lord Hyde, Lewis Long, Esqre., Revd. Chas. Brinsden, Mr. Briggs, the Town Clerk, Giles and Edmund Maskelyne and the Attorneys Dalby, Dansey and Stratton—1751-1754.

**188.** MEMORIAL of Robert Neale of Corsham to the Right Honble. the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, offering £7,000 for the interest of the Crown in the Manor of Corsham, and to apply to Parliament for an Act to enable His Majesty to grant the same to him. The following names appear therein :—Peter Burrell, H.M.'s Surveyor-General Sir James Lang, Bart., Sir Edward Baynton, Bart., John Garth, James Montague, John Walker, Henry Penruddock Wyndham, John Awdry, Paul Methuen, esquires, and Robert Hulbert—7 Decr. 1771.

**189. LETTER.**—Robert Neale to John Walton, Brick Court, Temple, covering above memorial and mentioning Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Grey, Secretaries of the Treasury, and Mr. Duckett of Hartham—7 Decr. 1771.

**190. LETTER.**—Robert Neale from Shaw House to George Jackson, esquire, at the Admiralty, London—22 June 1776. “I thank you for your kind enquiry and have the happiness to tell you we are, God be praised, all in perfect health. I am obliged for your intelligence of affairs the other side the Atlantick, and think our Rebellious Brethren are in a promising way of being speedily reduced to that state of obedience which they justly owe this country. With great regards.” [On 4 July 1776, only 12 days later, the Declaration of American Independence was signed, perhaps on the very day on which Robert Neale died, for he was buried at Chalfield Magna on 9th July 1776.]

**191. LETTER.**—The Revd. Sir George Burrard, Bart., of Walhampton to John Corbet Neale, Yate. Refers to “my good brother” Sir Harry Neale, Harry Rebout, the “adopted son” of Lady Neale, and Great Chalfield—26 April 1841.

**192. LIST** of subscribers to obelisk erected at Walhampton, nr. Lymington, in memory of Sir Harry Neale—7 Decr. 1842.

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#### MANOR OF IMPROPRIATE RECTORY OF CORSHAM.

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**193. ACT OF PARLIAMENT** for vesting the estate of George Downes, late of Corsham, esquire, in Edward Gale in trust to convey to Robert Neale—1748.

**194. AGREEMENT** for the sale of Mr. Downes’ estate at Corsham.—Between Edward Gale and Robert Neale—5 Octr. 1748.

**195. CONVEYANCE**, in consideration of £5,000.—Edward Gale of New Inn, Middlesex, to Robert Neale.—The said manor, rectory, tithes and tenths, messuages, barns, fee farm rent, &c., which was bought of the Crown by one William Spicer and afterwards by Thos. Smith, gentn., brother-in-law of the said George Downes—12 January 1744.

**196. GRANT** by Robert Neale (impropriator of the rectory or parsonage of Corsham) to Thomas Duckett of Hartham of tithes arising out of 3 capital messuages in Hartham and 200 acres of land—10 May 1756.

**197. AGREEMENT** for sale of said manor.—Trustees of John Corbett Neale to Gabriel Goldney, esquire, of Chippenham—22 Septr. 1856.

**198. THREE AGREEMENTS** for sale of tithes by said trustees to John Fowler, Gabriel Goldney and Uriah Goold—22 Septr. 1856.

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## HARTHAM AND HATT.

**199.** AGREEMENT to convey to the Earl of Shelburn.—Between William Petty, Earl of Shelburn, Viscount Fitz Maurice and Baron Dunkerron in Ireland, also Baron Wycombe of Chipping Wycombe in Great Britain, and Thomas Duckett, the hundred of Calne.—The manor of Calne and Calston, the messuages and lands belonging thereto, and the advowson of the rectory of Calston, with certain exceptions—March 1768. [This Earl of Shelburn was Prime Minister for 266 days from his appointment on 13 July, 1782.]

**200.** AGREEMENT by Thomas Duckett to convey to John Bull the lands excepted in lastly mentioned agreement—24 Decr. 1768.

**201.** WILL of Thomas Duckett of Hartham.—Trustees, John Allen and Daniel Bull. Annuities to Brothers Lionel and Skinner.—Subject thereto Hartham and Hatt and all other real estate entailed in succession on his brothers William, Lionel and Skinner, his nieces Grace Golstone and Grace Horne and their heirs, with direction as to taking surname of Duckett and the entire family coat of arms.—27 Feb. 1764. (Proved 28 June 1774.)

**202.** AGREEMENT for compromise (in *Reade v. Shelburne*).—Between William Duckett (only surviving brother and heir-at-law of Thomas Duckett), Robert Neale the younger of Corsham, Grace Neale, his wife, Thomas Leigh Bennett and Grace Bennett (late Grace Horne) and John Walton and Grace Walton (sister of Thomas Duckett).—Estate of Thomas Duckett entailed on William Duckett and his issue, with remainders to Grace Walton and Grace Neale for their lives, with remainder to the issue of Grace Neale—31 Octr. 1771.

## ARNOLDS OF CORSHAM.

**203.** SURRENDER by Thomas Colborne and admittance of Robert Colborne.—Maria, Queen Consort of England, Lady of the Manor, Charles Gore, knight, steward.—A messuage called Strong in the Town Tything with dovecot, orchard, gardens, barn, curtilage; closes called Prior's Cliffe and Hardham; land in South Field of Corsham at a place called The Knowle, by Lippiatt Lane, and on Pickwick Hill, and other lands—26 Octr. 1646 (22 Charles).

**204.** GRANT of tythes by George Almery of London, gent., and Edward Tooley of London, gent., Rectors of the Rectory of the Parsonage of Corsham to Robert Colborne of Laycock, Wilts, clothier. Witnesses—Richard Silvester, G. Downes, Richard Scott, Thos. Davies, R. Almery—24 June, 1656.

**205.** GRANT of tithes by Almery and Tooley to Thomas Brewer of the "Bell," Corsham—20 May 1657.

**206.** GRANT of tythes by Almery and Tooley to Robt. Colborne—28 April 1659.

**207.** LEASE by Thomas Colborne of Laycock, maltster, to his father and mother, Robert Colborne of Laycock, clothier, and Mary Colborne his wife.—The lands lately surrendered by them to the use of the said Thomas Colborne—15 Octr. 1677.

**208.** GRANT of tythes by Robert Colborne to Thos. Colborne, his son and heir apparent—15 Octr. 1677.

**209.** ADMITTANCE of said Thomas Colborne to the lands so surrendered to his use—15 Octr. 1677.

**210.** AGREEMENT for settlement by way of jointure on marriage of Wm. Arnold the younger of Corsham, mercer, and Jane Gibbons, daughter of Wm. Gibbons of Corsham, Wilts, clothier.—Between William Gibbons; William Arnold the elder of Laycock, mercer, and Wm. Arnold the younger; and George Gibbons of Corsham, clothier, and John Gibbons of Corsham, yeoman. Witnesses—Robert Blackmore, senr., Robert Blackmore, junr., and Thomas Nott. Marriage portion £200, of which £140 to be laid out on a convenient piece of land in the manor of Corsham—5 Novr. 1677.

**211.** SURRENDER by John Gibbons to Wm. Arnold of land and the Bell Inn in the occupation of Chas. Gerrish, Catherine Kingston, widow, and Catherine Jones, widow—18 April 1688.

**212.** BOND by Thomas Colborne of Seene in £100 to perform agreement with Wm. Arnold of Corsham, mercer—25 November 1691.

**213.** GRANT of tythes by Thomas Colborne to Wm. Arnold, mercer—8 April 1692.

**214.** DECLARATION as to surrender by Thos. Colborne to Richd. Kingston the elder of Jaggards, Corsham, yeoman, John Wilsheire of Corsham, blacksmith, Edward Mitchell the younger of Corsham, clothier, and William Wastfield the elder of Corsham, tallow chandler.—In trust for William Arnoll of Corsham, mercer—31 May 1692.

**215.** GRANT of tythes by Thos. Colborne to Wm. Arnold—1 June 1692.

**216.** ADMISSION of William Arnold—15 October 1702.

**217.** WILL of William Arnoll, senr., of Corsham, mercer.—Mentions wife Jane Arnoll; son William Arnoll; daughters Ann Arnoll, Sarah Neale and Jane Deeke; son-in-law Robert Neale; grandsons James, Robert, William and Thomas Neale; brother Charles Arnoll; tenants Wm. Chanter and Wm. Salway; servant Katherine Lewis. Trustees—the said Charles Arnoll, Wm. Mountjoy and John Hort—28 Jan. 1716-7. Proved in the Registry of the parish of Corsham. Straight, M.A., Vicar; John Somner, Registrar—21 Novr. 1720.

**218.** ADMISSION of Wm. Arnold to 17 several parcels of land—8 October 1720.

**219.** SURRENDER by Wm. Mountjoy, John Hort and Charles Arnold to Wm. Arnold.—The tenements in which Thos. Hulbert, gent., lately lived in Corsham with land, Sheppard's Barn, 28 acres adjoining and Pickwick Leaze in the Town Tything lately in tenure of Brereton Bouchier, containing 9 acres—11 October 1722.

**220.** DEED of declaration of trusts of 21 parcels of land in Town and Pickwick tythings.—Wm. Arnold to John Gibbons of Bath, esquire, and others.—Mentions his wife Sarah, his son William, and his daughters Mary Jane and Ann—11 June 1726.

**221.** SURRENDER of above lands by Wm. Arnold, gent., and others to the use of Wm. Arnold.—Mentions John Gibbons, ‘late of the city of Bath, now of the Island of Barbadoes’—20 Octr. 1786.

**222.** SURRENDER by Wm. Arnold to Edward Mitchell of Corsham, William Hulbert of Westrop, and Jane Deeke, widow.—The lands mentioned in previous surrender—20 Octr. 1786.

**223.** DEED of declaration of trusts of surrender of 20 Octr. 1736.—Mentions William Arnold, the eldest son of said Wm. Arnold, gent., and Charles Arnold, another son—27 October 1738.

**224.** WILL of Wm. Arnold of Corsham, gentleman.—Mentions Sarah his wife; William and Charles, sons; Mary, Jane and Ann, daughters; Sarah Neale and Jane Deeke, sisters; Charles Arnold, uncle; William Hulbert, brother-in-law. Witnesses—Charles Ireland, John Bull and Harry Ireland—27 Octr. 1788.

**225.** ADMITTANCE of Wm. Arnold (heir of his uncle, Charles Ireland) to lands in the manor of the rectory of Corsham.—Robert Neale, esquire, Lord of the Manor; John Bull, steward—4 October 1745.

**226.** GRANT of tithes by Robert Neale of Corsham to John Handcock of Lypiatts, gent.—30 July 1747.

**227.** ACT to will of Wm. Arnold, decd.—Mentions Jane Bull, wife of John Bull (formerly Jane Deeke)—14 May 1748.

**228.** GRANT of tithes.—Robert Neale to Wm. Arnold—16 January 1752.

**229.** ADMITTANCE of Ann Hulbert (wife of John Hulbert and daughter of Wm. Hulbert, the son and heir of Wm. Hulbert of Westropp) to foregoing lands in Tythings of Corsham and Pickwick, but excepting one of the Home Closes or Long Mead, adjoining Robert Neale’s dwelling-house and theretofore belonging to one Thomas Colborne—22 Octr. 1795.

**230.** SURRENDER by John Hulbert and Ann his wife to William Arnold, son and heir of William Arnold, decd.—Last mentioned lands—22 October 1795.

**231.** SURRENDER by Wm. Arnold (eldest son and heir-at-law of Wm. Arnold, decd.) to Charles Arnold, Jeremiah Awdry and Wm. Hulbert of Westropp in trust.—Last mentioned lands—22 Octr. 1795.

**232.** WILL of Wm. Arnold of Corsham, esquire.—Mentions sons William, Charles, George and John Julius; brother Charles; James Montague, esquire, of Laycock; Revd. Jeremiah Awdry of Tilshead, Essex, and others.—Executors, Benjamin Webb of Melksham, clothier, and John Baskerville of Woolley, Bradford, Wilts, clothier.—Devised Prior’s Cliffe and Hardham Pickwick Mead and Pickwick Leaze to son George.—Devised Arnold’s Mill at Laycock to Charles—2 Jan 1802.

**233.** DECLARATION of trusts of surrender of 22 Octr. 1795 and Defeazance.—Wm. Arnold to Charles Arnold, Revd. Jeremiah Awdry and Wm. Hulbert—2 Jan. 1802.

**234.** MORTGAGE by George Arnold, late of Corsham but then Lieut. in H.M.'s 54th Regiment of Foot (at Colchester) to Wm. Arnold (his brother) of Langley Burrell, Wilts, gentn.—His lands—23 April 1806.

**235.** MORTGAGE by Wm. Arnold of Langley Burrell to Anthony Guy of Chippenham.—Messuages with outbuildings and appurtenances then or late in occupation of Sir Andrew Bayntun and other lands—24 April 1806.

**236.** SURRENDER by Revd. Jeremiah Awdry, William Hulbert and Wm. Arnold of Langley Burrell, Wilts, and admittance of Anthony Guy and Wm. Hulbert—14 March 1807.

**237.** FURTHER CHARGE by Wm. Arnold to Anthony Guy, including the lands of Geo. Arnold, to which he had become entitled as eldest brother and heir-at-law—17 Decr. 1810.

**238.** GRANT of tithes to Robert Hulbert upon trust.—Between Benjamin Webb of Melksham and John Baskerville; Wm. Arnold of Corsham, eldest son of Wm. Arnold, decd.; Charles Arnold of Axminster, Devon, surgeon; and John Julius Arnold of Axminster, gentleman, other sons; and said Robert Hulbert—16 Feb. 1818.

**239.** SURRENDER by Revd. Jeremiah Awdry and Wm. Hulbert, brewer, and admittance of Wm. Arnold.—Lands devised by his father's will to his brother George—18 Feb. 1818.

**240.** SURRENDER by Wm. Arnold and admittance of Anthony Guy and Edward Michell.—Same lands—18 Feb. 1818.

**241.** SURRENDER by Anthony Guy, Edward Michell and Wm. Arnold to George John Archer.—Pickwick Leaze, Pickwick Mead, and other land—10 May 1820.

**242.** GRANT of tithes by Wm. Arnold of Thingley, Corsham, gentn., to George John Archer (same lands)—10 May 1820.

**243.** RELEASE from charge by John Julius Arnold of Axminster (same lands)—9 December 1820.

### NOTTON, LAYCOCK, WILTS.

#### SMITH'S TENEMENT, &c.

**244.** ADMITTANCE of John Smith to tenement and appurtenances in his tenure in the manor of Notton for the longest life of himself and his sons, John Smith and Francis Smith.—The Right Honble. Mildmay, Earl of Westmoreland, Lord of the Manor—19 Feb. 1625 (22 James).

**245.** SURRENDER by John Smith and admittance of Edward Haywarde of Rowdon, in the parish of Chippenham, yeoman, for the longest life of himself and his son Bryans Hayward and his daughter Emma Haywarde.—Walter Norborne, steward; John Ely, his deputy. Signed 'Westmoreland'—23 October 1647.

**246.** CONVEYANCE by the Right Honble. Mildmaye, Earl of Westmoreland, Baron le Despencer and Burghersh, the Lady Mary Countess of Westmoreland his wife, Sir Francis Fane of Aston, York, K.C.B., and Sir Edward Hales of Tunstall, Kent, knight and baronet, to William Hayward of Weeks, in the parish of Laycock, and Roger Warne of Rowden, yeoman, by direction of Edward Haywarde.—The copyhold messuage in Notton wherein John Smith, gentn., then lately dwelt, the copyhold messuage then called Nockplace in Notton, the copyhold cottage, Sheep-house haye, with appurtenances in Notton and 11 parcels of land, &c., in Notton and Laycock.—Witnesses, Will. Lynn, George Lynn, Willm. Chamberlaine and John Ely—10 May 1649.

**247.** FINE "part from my Lord of Westmorland to grandfather Hayward"—Trinity 1649.

**248.** WILL of Edward Hayward.—Mentions his wife Sibble; his son Bryan; his daughters Geneva Spencer, Emma Wilcox, and Elizabeth Still; his sons-in-law, Christopher Spencer, Jonathan Wilcox and Gabriel Still; Judith daughter of Christopher Spencer; Jonathan Scott of Chippenham, Sir Edward Hungerford and Gilbertus, Archbishop—15 May 1668. (Probate, 26 October 1668.)

**249.** GRANT and confirmation by Wm. Hayward and Roger Warne of Pewsham in parish of Chippenham to Briand Hayward of Notton—17 July 1668.

**250.** GRANT of right of way by the Honble. Mary Montague of Lackham, Wilts, widow, and James Montague of Lackham (her son and heir apparent) to Brian Hayward—29 Septr. 1668.

**251.** COVENANT (and counterpart) by parties of 1st part to levy a fine unto parties of 2nd part to the intent they should suffer a common recovery for the uses stated.—Between (1) Brian Hayward, Sybell Hayward, widow, Jonathan Willcox of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, and Emma his wife, (2) Henry Warne of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and Thos. Beach of Clement's Inn, gent., (3) Samuel Michell of Notton, clothier, and (4) Christopher Spencer of East Leaze, Lyddiard Tregoze, Wilts, gent.—8 Octr. 1668.

**252.** EXEMPLIFICATION of a Recovery of Notton Farm for the only use of Christopher Spencer—Michaelmas Term, 20 Charles II. (1668).

**253.** GRANT by Christopher Spencer to Richard Spencer of Notton (his son and heir)—10 July 1676.

**254.** WILL of Christopher Spencer of Barking, Essex, tanner.—To Mary Spencer his wife and her heirs for ever all his lands in Essex and Wilts. Mentions his brother Charles—25 Octr. 1682.

**255.** DEMISE by way of mortgage.—Christopher Spencer and Mary his wife to Mabel Porter—25 Decr. 1682.

**256.** CONVEYANCE by Richard Spencer (elder brother of Christopher Spencer of Barking, tanner) to Roger Warne, linen draper—20 March 1688.

**257.** DEMISE for 99 years by the Honble. Diana Montague and Edward Montague, esquire, to Richard Spencer of Notton—10 April 1696.

**258.** CONVEYANCE.—The Honble. Sir John Talbot of Thistleworth, Middlesex, knight, to Richard Spencer. Witnesses—Mathew Tate, Robert Bond—9 Octr. 1697.

**259.** ASSIGNMENT of mortgage security by Jonathan Tabor, citizen and goldsmith of London, executor of will of Thomas Porter, decd., and administrator of goods of Mabell Porter, late of Naverstocke, Essex, widow, to Robert Jenkins of Harding, Herts, gent., in trust for Robert Cumber of Naverstocke, Essex, gent.—28 Octr. 1698.

**260.** ASSIGNMENT by Robert Jenkins to Wm. Spencer by direction of Robert Cumbers and Richd. Spencer—18 May 1699.

**261.** CONVEYANCE by Robert Cumbers and Mary Spencer, widow, to Richd. Spencer—18 May 1700.

**262.** WILL of Richard Spencer the elder of Notton.—Mentions Elizabeth his wife; Richard his eldest son; John, Christopher, Gilbert, William, and Harris, other sons; Elizabeth Pierce and Jane Vera Spencer, his daughters; Wm. Spencer of Lyddington, clerk, his friend; Henry Herring of Lyddington, gent., and Roger Warne of Chippenham.—Devise to son Richard all his freeholds in Laycock, Corsham and Ellington *als.* Wroughton, Wilts, and leasehold purchased of Sir Edward Hungerford called Smith's in Notton—7 May 1700.

**263.** CONVEYANCE in trust by John Spencer of Notton, gent., brother and heir of Richard Spencer, junr., decd., to Elizabeth Spencer of Notton, relict of Richd. Spencer the Elder, Wm. Spencer of Luddington *als.* Liddington, clerk, Richard Herring and Roger Warne—26 April 1704.

**264.** RELEASE by John Spencer of Corsham, gent., Jas. Pierce of Corsham, clothier, and Elizabeth, his wife, Christopher Spencer of Chippenham, clothier, and Harris Spencer of Laycock, tanner, to Elizabeth Spencer, widow.—Mentions Sir Edward Hungerford of Fairleigh Castle, K.C.B.—26 March 1714.

**265.** ELIZABETH SPENCER, widow, Christopher Spencer and Harris Spencer to John Spencer of Corsham, gent. Witnesses—A. Martin, Richard Wastfield, Edward Duck, Ann Colborne—25 March 1719.

**266.** MORTGAGE.—John Spencer to Thomas Hancock of Westwells, Corsham, Wilts—25 March 1720.

**267.** MORTGAGE.—John Spencer to Sarah Brown of Steeple Ashton, Wilts, widow—31 March 1722.

**268.** ADDITIONAL SECURITY.—John Spencer to Thomas Hancock—25 March 1725.

**269.** JOHN SPENCER and Ann his wife and Sarah Brown to Thomas Hancock—15 August 1727.

**270.** CONVEYANCE.—John Spencer of Notton, gent., to Robert Neale.—Smith's Tenement, copyhold messuage called Nochplace, copyhold cottage called Sheephouse-hay and 12 parcels of land and hereditaments. Witnesses—A. Awdry, Am. Tuck, Harris Spencer, R. Neale, junr.—[Endorsement: This farm with the rest of the Manor of Notton was by Robert de Banbury (?) 1 Edw. I. (which was in 1272) given to Laycock Abbey by ye names of two tenements and two yards lands and a half]—1 Feb. 1727.

**271.** ASSIGNMENT by John Hancock of Corston, Somerset, exor. of will of Thos. Hancock, and John Spencer to Ambrose Goddard of Rudlow, Box, gent., and Wm. Arnold of Corsham, gent., in trust for Robert Neale—1 Feb. 1727.

**272.** CONVEYANCE.—Jas. Montague of Lackham, esquire, to Robert Neale. Witnesses—Wm. Arnold, W. Goldney of Chippenham, and J. Bernard—26 March, 1729.

**273.** ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE.—Parties, John Spencer and Anne his wife; Sarah Brown of Steeple Ashton; Thos. Handcock of Westwells—15 August 1727.

**274.** MORTGAGE.—Robert Neale to Benjamin James of Whitchurch, Somerset—27 Novr. 1782. [Acknowledgement of discharge endorsed.]

**275.** RELEASE.—John Jones of Melksham, cloth worker, and Martha his wife to Robert Neale—26 December 1788.

**276.** MORTGAGE.—Robert Neale of Corsham to Richd. Bayley of Stapleton, Gloster—17 March 1756.

### HILLMARTON, WILTS.

#### LITTLECOTT FARM.

**277.** WILL of Sir Robert Button of Tockenham Court, Lyneham, Wilts, Bart.—Mentions Eleanor his wife; John Button, his brother; Charles Steward, his nephew; Elizabeth Pawlett, his niece; John Button of Buckland and Elizabeth Lambert, his cousins; Sir Thomas Mompesson, knight, and John Mompesson, kinsmen; Richard Brent of Larkstoke, Gloucestershire, Esquire, John Norden of Badbury, Wilts, Esquire, and Charles Steward, Esquire.—Bequest to wife for life Manors of Tockenham, Lyneham and Preston, she relinquishing her interest in lands called Shawe.—Settlement of lands (except Cummerwell Farm) on brother John Button and heirs of his body—20 July 1677 (29 Charles II.).

**278.** RELEASE with covenant to levy a fine to Thomas Cromwell and others to the use of Sir Thomas Button.—Between Sir John Button of Ogborne St. George, Wilts, Bart.; Thomas Cromwell and Arthur Morgan, both of the Inner Temple, gentlemen; and Thomas Richmond *als.* Webb of Rodborne Cheney, Wilts, Esquire and serjeant-at-law.—The farm in Littlecott in occupation of Thos. Bathe; 205 acres in Littlecott in the occupation of Thos. Button; and other 25 acres, &c.—7 May 1707.

**279.** RELEASE to lead the uses of a fine to use of Thos. Richmond, between Thomas Benet of Salthorpe, Wilts, esquire, and Thomas Richmond *als.* Webb of Rodborne Cheney, esquire—4 May 1714.

**280.** CONVEYANCE.—Thos. Richmond *als.* Webb to Thomas Benet—17 June 1714.

**281.** CONVEYANCE (and fine) in consideration of £4,300, Thomas Benet, esquire, to Robert Neale, senr., of Corsham, Wilts, gent. Witnesses—R. Neale, junr., Edward Bryan (servant to Mr. Neale), Wm. Sutton (clerk to Mr. Franklyn), Thos. Franklyn (of Marlborough)—80 Novr. 1782.—[Endorsement: It appears in the Augmentation Office that the manor of Bradenstoke and Clack, also that the manor of Lyneham and Preston with Littlecote in the parish of Hillmartyn, were part of

the possessions of that monastery called Bradenstoke Abbey.—“1734. Divided ye Cowleaze or Broad Leaze within mentioned into 4 closes. I built ye Barn, Cowhouse and walls about ye Barton in 1735 and ye same time planted ye Withys. In 1738 planted some elms in several closes; before there was neither withys nor elms on ye Estate.”]

**282.** DECLARATION that fine levied to use of Robert Neale his heirs and assigns.—Parties, Thomas Benet, Elizabeth his wife, Martha Benet, spinster, daughter and sole heir apparent of said Thomas Benet, Rd. Franklyn, gent., and Robert Neale—80 Novr. 1782.

**283.** INDEMNITY by Thomas Benet to Robert Neale, gent., brother and heir-at-law of James Neale, decd., a devisee in will of Robert Neale, his late father. Witnesses—Thos. Franklyn, Rd. Franklyn—6 Jan. 1785.

**284.** MORTGAGE.—Robt. Neale to Elizabeth Noblett of Bristol, widow—30 June 1741.

**285.** DEED of further charge (including Improper Rectory of Corsham). Same parties—10 Jan. 1748.

**286.** MORTGAGE.—(Including Nottom lands and Wixoldbury, but releasing the Improper Rectory of Corsham.)—Robt. Neale to Richard Bayley of Stapleton, Co. Gloucester, esquire, grandson of Elizabeth Noblett, decd., and devisee of all her real estate—17 March 1756.

**287.** PROCEEDINGS to foreclose.—Richard Bayley *v.* Lord Webb Seymour and others—1780-2.

**288.** SIX TRANSFERS between 1782 and 1856.

**289.** LEASE.—Sir H. Neale to Brian Rumbold, with parchment plan—1 Decr. 1806.

**290.** PARTICULARS of Bradenstoke Farm, also of Manor of Clack, with names of tenants, fields, &c. “purchased by Mr. Methuen.”

**291.** CONTRACT FOR SALE.—Trustees of John C. Neale and Gabriel Goldney.

## BRAYDON, WILTS.

### HATTON'S LODGE—FOREST OF BRAYDON.

**292.** LEASE for a term of years.—The Most High and Excellent Princess Catherine by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Queen; the Right Honble. Denzell Lord Holles, High Steward to the said Queen's Majesty, Phillip Earl of Chesterfield, Wm. Viscount Brouncker, Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal, Henry Viscount Cornbury, Lord Chamberlain of the Household, John Hervey, Esqre., Treasurer and Receiver General, Francis Slingsby, Surveyor General, and Wm. Montagu, Attorney General, to Frances Jacobson of Braydon, widow.—Lands in the Forest of Braydon and a Lodge or House called Hatton's Lodge. [Signed: Catherine R., Holles, Brouncker, J. Hervey, F. Slingsby, W. Montagu]—18 August 1669 (Charles II.).

**293.** ASSIGNMENT.—Frances Shilling, widow, to Barnard Pleydell, late brother of Betty Pleydell of Braydon—24 Novr. 1722.

**294.** ASSIGNMENT.—Same parties—17 Feb. 1724.

**295.** DEMISE.—Paul Jodrell to Bernard Pleydell, gent.—Lodge and 121 acres—6 July 1724.

**296.** DEMISE in trust for Bernard Pleydell by His Majesty George II. to Robert Rich of North Cerney, co. Gloucester, gent., and Benjm. Jacob—8 May 1727.

**297.** ASSIGNMENT by Wm. Pleydell, gent., and Alice his wife, mother and executrix of Bernard Pleydell to Betty Pleydell—4 September 1780.

**298.** ASSIGNMENT by way of mortgage by Betty Pleydell to Deborah Palmer of Great Sherston, widow—5 Sept. 1780.

**299.** ASSIGNMENT by way of mortgage by Betty Pleydell to John Nott of Braydon, esquire.

**300.** ASSIGNMENT.—Betty Pleydell, Robt. Rich, Deborah Palmer, widow, and Jno. Nott to Robert Neale of Corsham. Witnesses—Thomas Chandler and Hen. Tucker—5 April 1788.

**301.** LEASE.—Paul Jodrell of Lincoln's Inn, esquire, to Robert Neale—18 Novr. 1747.

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### YATTON KEYNALL, Co. WILTS.

#### FORDS-IN-THE-WELL OR LIGHT'S FARM.

**302.** AGREEMENT substituting new lives, &c.—Parties (1) The Right Honble. the Earl of Kent; (2) Thomas Shewring of Collerne.—Mentions Thomas Shewring, clerk, youngest son of said Thomas Shewring, John Shewring his eldest son, Thos. Shewring son of Thos. Shewring, clerk, and The Duke of Kent.—Manor of Erridge in Yatton. A copyhold estate called Ford-in-the Well, ‘lately known by the name of Light's because one Light long while rented it.’ Signature and seal of Earl of Kent. Witnesses—Thomas de Critz, Chris. Courteville, Richd. Milner, Jos. Seymore—10 Novr. 1699 (11 Wm. III.).

**303.** CONVEYANCE.—John Light of West Yatton, yeoman, to Thos. Shewring of Crudwell, Wilts, clerk—18 December 1707.

**304.** WILL of Thomas Shewring of Malmesbury, clerk.—Devise of all his estate to Mary his wife, Giles Earle, esqre., and Edmunds Wilkins, apothecary, his father-in-law. Mentions Henry Stebbing, D.D., Archdeacon of Wilts, and Edward Cuthbert, M.A., his Surrogate—4 July 1723.

**305.** CONVEYANCE.—The Most Noble Henry, Duke of Kent, K.G., to Thos. Hutton of Somersett House, Strand, Esqre., Middlesex, and Henry Allen, gentleman, servant to said Duke—18 August 1724.

**306.** CONVEYANCE by Duke of Kent to Thomas Jacob.—Parties (1) The said Duke of Kent, son and heir of the Right Honble. Anthony, late Earl of Kent,

decd., by the Right. Honble. Mary, Countess of Kent, sole daughter and heir of John late Lord Lucas, decd.; (2) Thos. Hutton and Henry Allen; (3) Thos. Jacob of Ashlyn, Wilts, esquire—27 November 1724.

**307. CONVEYANCE.**—John Hulbert of Corsham, Wilts, blacksmith, to Thos. Beaver of Slaughterford, yeoman, and Sarah his wife—11 September 1780.

**308. CONVEYANCE** by John Jacob of Boxwell, co. Gloucester, esquire, son and heir of Thomas Jacob, decd., to Robert Neale of Corsham, Wilts, esquire.—Light's Farm in occupation of Mary Shewring, widow of Thomas Shewring, during her Freebench according to the custom of the Manor of Ewridge cum Yatton with Tythe in the Town Fields or precincts of Yatton. [Endorsement: 1741. It appeared in the Augmentation Office that the hamlet of Yatton was a tything and member of the Manor of Eweredge which was held of Malmesbury Abbey, and that the portion of tythe herein granted was at the dissolution of the monastery held of Eweredge by copy of Court Roll by one John Lynt at the rent of 8d., that the land there late the Duke of Kent's (whereof the within mentioned is part) paid yearly 40 muttons, 4 bushel oats, 4 wheat and 8d. for fishing in the river, all which 21 June the 7th King Edward VI. granted to John Lucas, Esqre., and his heirs. The Duke of Kent granted part thereof to Mr. Jacob; this with other estates were acquired through the Lucas family by marriage with the heiresss of the Lucas's, who had female heirs]—8 June 1788.

**309. SURRENDER** of Freebench by Mary Shewring of Cirencester to Robert Neale—18 Decr. 1788.

**310. CONVEYANCE** by Jas. Hill of Dirham, co. Glou., wheelwright, and Jane his wife, to Robert Neale. Witnesses—Matthew Aland and Ann Axford, servants of Mr. Neale, John Edwards of Slaughterford, Samuel Humphreys of Pickwick—24 March 1789.

**311. CONVEYANCE** by John Bull of Yatton, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, to Robert Neale—8 April 1740.

**312. CONVEYANCE** by Mary Shewring to Robert Neale. Witnesses—Edward Fowler of Cirencester and Thomas Biggs of Wooton Bassett—24 April 1740.

**313. CONVEYANCE** by Walter Batten, of Sutton Benger, Wilts, yeoman, and Mary Batten his wife, to Robert Neale.—80 September 1740.

**314. CONVEYANCE** by John Wastfield of Biddeston, Wilts, gent., only brother of Richard Wastfield, gent., deceased, to Robert Neale—80 Septr. 1741.

**315. CONVEYANCE** by John Edwards of Slaughterford, yeoman, to Robert Neale—19 November 1741.

**316. CONVEYANCE** by John Bull to Robert Neale—19 May 1742.

**317. CONVEYANCE** by William Drinkwater of Yatton Keynell, yeoman, to Robert Neale—27 December 1742.

**318. AGREEMENT** as to dividing and enclosing common lands. — Parties, Robert Neale of Corsham, esquire, the Rev. Benjamin Piddig, patron and tenant of Rectory of Yatton Keynell, John Wild of West Yatton, gent., Jas. Wild, gent. (only son and heir of John Wild), Thos. Child of Castle Comb, Wilts, gent., Richard Tayler of Yatton Keynell, gent., John Edwards of Slaughterford, gent., and Thos. Cullimore of West Yatton, gent.—25 March 1748.

- 319.** CONVEYANCE by Thos. Hawkins of Langley Burrell, Wilts, yeoman, to Robert Neale—20 August 1748.
- 320.** AGREEMENT to convey.—John Wild to Robert Neale—20 March 1744.
- 321.** AGREEMENT to convey.—Isaac Beames of Biddeston, St. Nicholas, clothier, and Joseph Beames his son, to Robert Neale—15 September 1746.
- 322.** AGREEMENT to convey.—John Wild to Robert Neale—20 July, 1747.
- 323.** CONVEYANCE.—John Wild to Robert Neale—12 August 1747.
- 324.** CONVEYANCE by John Beames of Kington St. Michael, Wilts (one of the sons of the said Isaac Beames) to Robert Neale—1 September 1750.
- 325.** LEASE (and parchment plan) by Sir H. Neale to Daniel Painter—1 December 1806.
- 326.** CONTRACT for sale.—Trustees of John C. Neale and Frederick Dowding of Bath—1 December 1806.

## NOTTON LAYCOCK, Co. WILTS.

## HULBERT'S TENEMENT, &amp;c.

- 327.** FINE.—John Stratton, plt.; Francis Fane and Mary his wife, dfts.; Trinity Term—20 James (1628).
- 328.** CONVEYANCE to John Stone and William Stone (by direction of John Deane).—Parties: (1) Rt. Honble. Mildmaye, Earl of Westmoreland, Lady Mary, Countess, his wife, Sir Francis Fane of Aston, co. York, Knight of the Hon. Order of the Bath, Sir Edward Hales of Tunstall, co. Kent, Knight and Barronett; (2) John Deane of Laycock, plumber, John Stone of Alton Barnes, yeoman, and Wm. Stone, his brother yeoman.—Customary or copyhold messe or tenement wherein Robt. Hulbert then inhabited, and 81 acres land, parcel of Manor of Notton.—Mentions Sir Henry Charrington, knight, decd., late great grandfather of said Earl, and Sir John Talbott, knight. Witnesses—Will. Lynn, George Lynn, John Ely, William Chamberlaine, gent., Tho. Sherstone and Tho. Beach—10 May 1649.
- 329.** DEMISE by Robert Hulbert of Notton and Mary his wife to John Deane—10 October 1650.
- 330.** WILL of John Deane.—Mentions sons John, Willm., and Samuel and daughter Rebecca—14 May 1678.
- 331.** DECLARATION of uses of a fine to Wm. Deane to bar entail.—Parties: (1) John Stone, Wm. Stone, John Deane; (2) Wm. Deane; (3) Thos. House of Corsham, Inholder, Wm. Daniel of Bristol, grocer—18 Feb. 1678.
- 332.** CONVEYANCE.—Parties: (1) John and Wm. Stone; (2) John and Wm. Deane; (3) Thos. House and Wm. Daniell—8 and 9 May 1678.
- 333.** SETTLEMENT on marriage of John Deane with Dorothy Tomlyns.—Parties: (1) John Deane, Wm. Stone; (2) Samuel Tomlyns of Hulcott, Wilts,

clerke (father of Dorothy), and Robert Reeks of Alton, yeoman. Witnesses—Wm. Chandler, Grace Tomlyns, Mary Cromwell and John Stone. [Of this marriage there were 2 sons; Nathaniel, who died a bachelor, and John, who had issue one daughter only, Mary Deane, afterwards Mary Karver]—7 and 8 May 1686.

**334. CONVEYANCE.**—Mary Gouldney of Chippenham, Wilts, widow to John Deane, gent. Witnesses—Christopher Petty, John Copland, Thomas Hurst and Samuel Tomlyns—28 September 1698.

**335. CONVEYANCE** to uses of recovery for barring entail.—Parties: (1) Mary Deane of Salwarpe, Worcester, spinster; (2) John Taylor of Salwarpe, clerke; (3) John Brown of Breams Buildings, Chancery Lane, gentleman. Witnesses—John Karver, William Skilliscorne—1 and 2 June 1762.

**336. RECOVERY.**—Same parties. [Portrait of Geo. III. in initial letter] Trin. Term 1762.

**337. SETTLEMENT** on marriage of Mary Deane and Benjn. Karver.—Parties: (1) Mary Deane; (2) Benjamin Karver; (3) John Taylor, Richard Phillips of Droitwych, Worcester, apothecary; Robert Bromley of Worcester, esquire, and Caleb Garway of Worcester, gent. Witnesses—Ann Woodhouse, Samuell Randall, Bryan Crouther, Wm. Sextie—1 March 1764.

**338. AGREEMENT** for purchase and abstract of title.—Parties: (1) Benjamin Karver; (2) Robert Neale of Corsham, esquire. Witnesses—Lewis Clutterbuck, Walter Chapman—11 April 1767.

**339. CONVEYANCE.**—(1) Benjamin Karver and Mary his wife; (2) Robert Neale. Witnesses—Elizabeth Taylor, Elizabeth Croom, Jeffrey Moulding—12 and 18 October 1767.

**340. THREE CONTRACTS** for sale.—Trustees of John C. Neale to Robert Neale of Corsham, Thos. Abdy Fellowes of Chippenham, and West Awdry of Chippenham—22 September 1866.

**341. PLAN** of property.

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### MELKSHAM, Co. WILTS.

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#### MANOR OF MELKSHAM CANONHOLD.

**342. AGREEMENT** for compromising matters in difference.—Parties: (1) James Bartlett, esquire; Unity, his wife (one of the nieces and co-heiress of Jeremiah Awdry, decd.); Henry Arnold, D.D.; Ann his wife (the other niece and co-heiress); (2) John Awdry; Ambrose Awdry; Thomas Goddard; Wm. Essington—18 March 1760.

**343. CONVEYANCE** made in the name of Thos. Goddard of Swindon, Wilts (upon trust), in pursuance of will of Jeremiah Awdry, decd.—Parties: (1) Christopher Gibson; Thos. Forfitt; Benjamin Forfitt; Catherine Andrews, widow; (2) Sir John Eyles Styles, Bart.; (3) James Bartlett; Unity, his wife; Henry Arnold, D.D.; Ann his wife; (4) John Awdry of Notton, Laycock, Wilts; Ambrose Awdry of Seend, Wilts, esquire; (5) Thos. Goddard of Swindon. Manor and parsonage of Melksham—2 March 1762.

**344.** LEASE by Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of ye Blessed Virgin Mary of Sarum to Thos. Goddard, esquire, (upon trust) for lives of Stephen Theodore Janson, John Awdry and Peter Delure, son of Peter Delure of Earlstoke, Wilts.—(1) Manor and parsonage of Melksham; (2) all messuages, lands, &c., lying in the Town Fields, Melksham; (3), the advowson of the Vicarage and the presentation thereof; (4) the moiety of all fines and heriots upon all leases and copyholds of leaseholds or copyholds—22 April 1762.

**345.** AGREEMENT to grant to Robert Neale for perpetual renewal according to the custom of the Manor for lives of Robert Neale, the younger, Wm. Charles and Betty Charles, son and daughter of Jacob Charles.—Messuage, barn, stable and land in the Tything of Whitley and Shaw—15 April 1768.

**346.** SURRENDER by John Awdry to Robert Neale for the 3 lives.—Mentions Thos. Goddard, Lord of Manor; Solomon Hughes, steward; Ambrose Awdry, brother of John; Mary Awdry, spinster, sister; Jacob Charles of Pickwick, Corsham, yeoman—15 April 1768.

**347.** SURRENDER and admittance for lives of Grace Elizabeth Neale, granddaughter of Robert Neale, and daughter of his late son Robert Neale the younger, decd., Wm. Charles and Betty Charles—4 Nov. 1774.

**348.** SURRENDER to uses of will of Robert Neale.—Ambrose Goddard, Lord of Manor—4 Nov. 1774.

**349.** ADMITTANCE of Wm. Arnold, devisee of will of Robert Neale for lives of Grace E. Neale, Betty Charles and Lydia Frances Neale.

### GREAT CHALFIELD AND HOLT, Co. WILTS.

#### MANOR, MANSION AND ADVOWSON OF GREAT CHALFIELD, CONSTABLESHIP OF TROWBRIDGE.

**350.** DEED OF FEEFMENT.—Parties: (1) Sir John Eyre; (2) Richard Surnard; Robert Austin—20 Feb. 1680.

**351.** RELEASE.—Parties: (1) Thos. Hanham; (2) Thos. Harmes; Robert Minnet—4 June 1649.

**352.** COPY, Act of Parliament—1673.

**353.** AGREEMENT for term of 1,000 years.—Parties: (1) Sir Hugh Wyndham; Sir Robert Alleyne; George Strode; Thos. Strode; Dame Barbara Wyndham; (2) Wm. Thinn; Edward Wallis—22 May 1678.

**354.** ASSIGNMENT of term of 500 years.—Parties: (1) Thomas Penruddock; Frances his wife; (2) John Wadman; Thomas Beach—16 July 1678.

**355.** WILL of John Hall of Bradford, Wilts, esqre. (nephew of Sir Joseph Seymour).—Entails all manors and lands on Rachel Bayntun, daughter of Thos. Bayntun of Little Chalfield, Wilts, esquire, and his then wife Elizabeth Bayntun; in default of heirs on Edward Seymour, son of Sir Edward Seymour, Bart., in default on Wm. Pearce, grandson of testator's late sister Coward; in default on Henry

Seymour, son of Sir Joseph Seymour, testator's uncle.—Mentions his Mansion House at Bradford and Paxcroft Farm. Mentions also Matthew Burges; and his servants James Fellowes, Mary Scott, and Frances Parr.—Trustees: Denzill Onslow of Pirfort, Surrey, esqre.; Edward Lisle of Crook Easton, Co. Southampton, esqre.; Francis Goddard of Standen, Wilts, esquire; Sir Robert Eyre, knight, Justice of Queen's Bench. Witnesses—Paul Methuen; Nathaniel Wilkinson; Paul Methuen, jun.; John Bradford; John Whatley; Thos. Clement. [The above Mansion House at Bradford is the celebrated Kingston House.]—10 Sept. 1708.

**356.** CODICIL to will of John Hall.—Preferring William Pearce, grandson of sister Coward to Edward Seymour then son of Sir Edward Seymour, Bart., but at date of will grandson of Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. Witnesses—Charles Savage; Thos. Clements; James Fellowes; Wm. Grant—7 Feb. 1710. (Probate in Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 5 September 1711.)

**357.** CONVEYANCE in consideration of £15,000.—Parties: (1) The Most Noble Ewyln, Duke of Kingston; The Most Noble Elizabeth Duchess of Kingston; (2) Robert Neale, Esquire; John Morris, Esquire.—The Manor, Lordship, Farm and Demesne lands of Great Chalfield, *als.* East Chalfield, Wilts; the Scite and capital Mansion House of the said Manor; the Advowson, Right of Patronage and presentation of the Church of Great Chalfield; the Constableship of Great Trowbridge, Wilts; and lands—5 April 1769.

**358.** INDENTURE OF FINE.—Robert Neale and John Morris, plaintiffs; Evelyn, Duke of Kingston and Elizabeth Duchess of Kingston, defendants—Easter Term 9 Geo. III. (1769).

**359.** PAPER writing endorsed 'Chalfield' and stating (*inter alia*) :—April 9th 1768, went for Newmarket, my expenses during 3 nights absence £15; June 1768 my journey to Derby, &c., £10; charge of conveyance, &c., with my journey to London from whence I returned April the 6th 1769, £25.

**360.** LEASE for 7 years.—Wm. Norris and Wm. Arnold to Thos. Watson (unexecuted)—1777.

**361.** LEASE for 21 years—Sir Harry Burrard Neale, Baronet, of Walhampton to Roger Spackman—1 Decr. 1806.

**362.** LEASE for 21 years.—Sir H. B. Neale to Thomas Hulbert of Lynton, Wilts, yeoman. Lynton Farm (part of the Chalfield Estate)—1 December 1806.

**363.** VALUATION of estate by Mr. Young Sturge of Bristol—6 May 1820.

**364.** AGREEMENT.—Parties: (1) Sir Harry Neale, Dame Grace Elizabeth his wife; (2) John Neale of Berkeley, co. Gloucester, esquire; John Corbett Neale of Yate, gent. (eldest son of said John Neale)—2 August 1822.

**365.** AWARD by Edward Driver of New Bridge, surveyor—2 November 1828.

**366.** STATEMENT of sum due to Sir Harry Neale from the Neale Estate—1828.

**367.** RELEASE of Reversion in fee (subject to certain prior uses).—Parties: (1) Sir George Duckett of Lower Grosvenor Street, Middlesex, Bart.; Henry Williams of Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester, gent.; (2) John Neale of Berkeley, esqre., eldest son of Benjamin Neale, theretofore of Yate, esquire; John Corbett

Neale of Yate, his son by Nancy his wife; (3) Sir Harry Neale of Walhampton, Southampton, Bart., a Vice Admiral of the Royal Navy. Tenants, Wm. Spackman; John Dark; Robt. Rudman; Wm. Dancey; Thos. Marks; Thomas Hulbert—17 July 1828.

**368.** LETTER.—Sir George Burrard, Bart., to John Corbett Neale, relating to Chalfield and mentioning Harry Rebout and Lady Neale—7 May 1841.

**369.** PUGIN's Architecture of the Middle Ages.—'The Manor House and Church at Great Chalfield'—1887.

### MELKSHAM, BRADFORD AND CORSHAM, Co. WILTS.

#### WHITLEY FARM.

**370.** WILL of Francis Kington of Whitley.—Devise to Thos. Kington, his son, of lands in Tything of Atford and in Melksham. Mentions also: Richard Kington, his son; Mary Kington, his daughter; John Kington, esquire; David Macy, gentn.; Thomas Tucker, gent.; Simon Jarvis, gent.—80 Jan. 1718 (12 Anne).

**371.** CONVEYANCE by way of settlement on marriage.—Parties: (1) Thos. Kington of Marlborough, Wilts, gent., Anne his wife, daughter of Rolfe Baylye of Marlborough, gent.; (2) Rolfe Baylye; (3) Chas. Spencer of Marlborough, mercer; Roger Warne the younger of Chippenham, linen draper. West Leaze in Melksham—25 June 1729.

**372.** MORTGAGE.—Parties: (1) Thomas Kington and Anne his wife; (2) John Elbridge of Bristol, esquire; (3) Henry Woolnough of Bristol, gent.—20 March 1781.

**373.** CONVEYANCE.—Parties: (1) Thos. Kington and Anne his wife; (2) Richard Kington; (3) Francis Hales, tallow chandler, Bath. Witnesses—Thos. Gilbert, Richard Collibee—19 and 20 March 1788.

**374.** DEED POLL.—(1) Richd. Kington; (2) Thos. Kington; (3) Francis Hales—20 March 1788.

**375.** TRANSFER OF MORTGAGE.—(1) John Elbridge; Thos. Kington of Spy Park, Wilts, gent.; Anne his wife; Richard Kington of Bristol, gent.; (2) John Hickes the younger, of Bath, gent.; (3) Francis Hales—20 Mar. 1788.

**376.** DEED POLL by Mary Kington, spinster—29 March 1784.

**377.** DEMISE (in exchange) to Francis Hales (1) Thos. Kington; Anne his wife; (2) Francis Hales; (3) Roger Warne—29 April 1784.

**378.** CONVEYANCE by way of settlement on Francis Hales of Bath and Susanna his wife (formerly Susanna Tree).—(1) Francis Hales, Susanna his wife; (2) Thos. Gilbert of Corsham, gent.; Francis Hales of Hemington, Somerset, gent.; Simon Neat of North Bradley, Wilts, baker; (3) Thos. Dyke of Lympley Stoke, Bradford, Wilts, gent.; James Collins of Hemington, yeoman—24 May 1784.

**379.** SETTLEMENT upon marriage of Frances Hales of Bath, spinster (one of the 4 daughters and co-heiresses of Francis Hales, decd.), with Geo. Milsom of Bath, apothecary.—(1) Frances Hales; (2) Charles Milsom of Bath, wine cooper; (3) Geo. Milsom—20 October 1767.

**380.** CONVEYANCE (in duplicate) to make a tenant to the *preceipe* for suffering a recovery.—(1) John Rutty of Melksham, clothier; Susanna his wife (late Susanna Hales); Francis Skurray of Beckington, Somerset, gent.; Mary his wife (late Mary Hales); Geo. Milsom; Frances his wife (late Frances Hales); (2) Thomas Skurray of Beckington, gent.; (3) Charles Milsom; (4) John Jefferys of Bath, gentn.—30 Novr. 1768.

**381.** RECOVERY.—Hilary Term 1769.

**382.** MORTGAGE.—(1) George Milsom; Frances his wife; Charles Milsom; (2) John Jefferys—18 and 14 March 1769.

**383.** MORTGAGE.—(1) John Rutty; Susanna his wife; (2) John Jefferys; (3) Richard Marchant of Bath, gentn.—22 May 1769.

**384.** CONVEYANCE to Robert Neale.—(1) John Rutty; (2) Richard Marchant; (3) Robert Neale of Shaw House, Melksham, esquire.—Messuage, lands and common in Whitley, Shaw, Beanacre, Blackmore, otherwise Melksham Forest, Melksham, Atworth, otherwise Atford, Bradford, and Corsham, Wilts—4 and 5 April 1772 (12 Geo. III.).

**385.** CONVEYANCE to Robert Neale (1) John Jefferys of the Royal Crescent, Walcot, Bath; (2) John Cottell of Bath, taylor; Chas. Milsom; (3) Francis Skurray, Mary his wife, John Rutty, Susanna his wife; (4) Robert Neale, late of Corsham, now of Shaw House, Melksham, Wilts, esquire—8 and 4 Jan. 1776 (16 Geo. III.).

**386.** Two parchment plans of Whitley Farm.

### MELKSHAM, Co. WILTS.

#### PRINCES, BEANACRE.

**387.** SETTLEMENT by Robert Parsons of Beanacre, gent., rugmaker, upon his marriage with Susannah Gale.—(1) Robert Parsons; Nicholas Parsons of Marlborough, upholster; (2) Thomas Flower of Beanacre, gent.; Zebulon Marshman of Whitley, maltster; (3) Thomas Gale, Susannah Gale. Messuage or Tenement called Princes in Beanacre. Witnesses—Fran: Sadlier and others—23 and 24 October 1721 (8 George).

**388.** MORTGAGE by Susanna Parsons of Beanacre, widow, and Robert Parsons to William Periam of Devizes, woollen draper—14 May 1750.

**389.** TRANSFER.—(1) Wm. Periam; (2) Susanna Parsons, Robt. Parsons; (3) Solomon Hughes of Devizes, gent.—25 Jan. 1757.

**390.** TRANSFER.—(1) Solomon Hughes; (2) Robert Parsons; (3) Mary Manning, late of Potterne, Wilts—20 August 1761.

**391.** TRANSFER.—(1) Martha Hazelands of Devizes, widow, sole executrix of Mary Manning; (2) Robt. Parsons; (3) Samuel Bethell of Barton Farm, Bradford, yeoman—17 May 1764.

**392.** TRANSFER.—(1) Saml. Bethell; (2) Robert Parsons; (3) Matthew Humphreys—15 Feb. 1768.

**393.** MORTGAGE by demise for 500 years.—(1) Matthew Humphreys of Chippenham, clothier; (2) Robt. Parsons; (3) John Beames of the Forest of Pewsham, co. Wilts. Witnesses—Thos. Beavan, Wm. Pinniger and J. Mansell—7 April 1769.

**394.** ASSIGNMENT.—(1) John Beames; (2) Robert Parsons; (3) Stephen King of the Forest of Pewsham—8 Feb. 1770.

**395.** CONVEYANCE by Robert Parsons to Robert Neale of Corsham, Esquire.—Princes and Seat Pew or Sitting Place in a seat or pew in Melksham Church occupied and enjoyed by Robert Parsons and his ancestors, and belonging to Princes. Witnesses—Gab. Goldney, John Blatchly—5 and 6 April 1774 (14 Geo. III.).

**396.** ASSIGNMENT of 500 years.—(1) Stephen King; (2) Robt. Parsons; (3) Robert Neale; (4) Wm. Norris of Nonsuch, Bromham, Wilts. Witnesses—Gab. Goldney; John Blatchly—5 and 6 April 1774.

**397.** LEASE (unexecuted).—Wm. Norris of Nonsuch and Wm. Arnold of Corsham to Charles Cleaveland—1777.

#### MELKSHAM, Co. WILTS.

#### THE HAMMS, BEANACRE.

**398.** CONVEYANCE by Thos. Fettiplace the younger of Fernham, Berks, Esquire, and Rachell his wife to Charles Fettiplace of Lambourne Woodlands, Berks, Esquire; Edmund Pye of Farringdon, Berks; John Kyrle Ernle of Whetham, Wilts, Esquire, and Cornelius Yates upon trust to raise moneys and provide portions.—Parties (1) Thos. Fettiplace the younger; Rachells his wife; (2) Charles Fettiplace; Edmund Pye; John Kyrle Ernle; Cornelius Yates; (3) Thos. Fettiplace the elder; Philadelphia, Rachell and Susanna, his daughters; Daniel and Jeffery, his two surviving younger sons.—All their lands in St. Margaret's, Preshette, Marlborough, Melksham Lovells and Beanacre, Wilts—6 and 7 March 1701.

**399.** DEMISE for 99 years by Thos. Fettiplace of Fernham to Rebecca George, *als.* Edwards, of Little Cheverwell, Wilts, widow.—Messuage or tenement in Beanacre, Melksham, with The Hamms and other lands and common of pasture in Blackmoore and Whitley—2 Augt. 1704.

**400.** WILL of Rebecca George, *alias* Edwards.—Bequest of leasehold to William Mayo the younger and John Mayo in trust for Elizabeth Stantiall (*née* Smith), the wife of James Stantiall—20 June 1705.

**401.** CONVEYANCE to James Stantiall of Melksham, Wilts, yeoman.—(1) Thos. Fettiplace of Fernham, Berks, esqre., son and heir of Thos. Fettiplace, decd., and Rachael his wife, sole sister and heir of Wm. Daniel, esquire, decd., only son and heir of Jeffery Daniell late of Preshutte, esqre., decd.; (2) Charles Fettiplace of Lambourne, Woodlands, John Kyrle Ernle of Whetham, Cornelius Yates, clerke, Archdeacon of Wiltshire; (3) Daniell Fettiplace of Yatesbury, Wilts, clerke; Jeffery Fettiplace of Fernham, gent.; Philadelphia, Rachel and Susanna Fettiplace; (4) James Stantiall. Witnesses—Charles Hall, J. Walker, John Lucas—19 and 20 Feb. 1714.

**402.** DEMISE by Wm. of Maston, Wilts, gent., and Elizabeth Stantiall of Melksham, widow, to Anthony Kington of Dolson, Wilts, gent., in trust for Lawrence Kington of Pond Close, Corsham, gentn. Witnesses—Christopher Mathews, John Sumner, Edwd. May—7 January 1728.

**403.** WILL of Francis Stantiall of Melksham, clothier.—Devise to Betty Webb (*née* Smith), Mary Smith and Ann Gibbs (*née* Smith).

**404.** CONVEYANCE to make a tenant to the *precipe* and lead the uses of a recovery.—(1) Betty Webb, widow of Melksham, Mary Smith, spinster, Melksham, Isaac Gibbs, clothworker, Melksham; Ann his wife; (2) Richd. Edmunds of Lincoln's Inn, gent.; (3) Daniell Burges of Bristol, gent. [Note.—Betty, Mary and Ann were the only surviving children of Thos. Smith late of Melksham.]—17 and 18 June 1774.

**405.** CONVEYANCE.—(1) Betty Webb and Mary Smith, spinster (2 of 5 daughters of Thomas Smith late of Melksham, clothier, son-in-law of James Stantiall, theretofore of Melksham, clothier, decd., and son of Elizabeth Stantiall by her former husband the said Thomas Smith, decd.); (2) Robert Neale of Corsham, Wilts, esquire—12 and 18 August 1774.

**406.** CONVEYANCE to make a tenant to the *precipe*.—(1) Samuel Rutty of Bradford, Wilts, clothworker (only son of Catherine Rutty late of Melksham, widow, and Samuel Rutty, clothier, her late husband; which Catherine was one of the 5 daughters and co-heiresses of Thos. Smith late of Melksham, clothier, and one of the 4 surviving sisters of Sarah West late of Bristol, wife of Richd. West late of Melksham); (2) John Moule of New Inn; (3) Joseph Spragg of Melksham, tyler and plasterer—29 and 30 January 1802.

**407.** RECOVERY.—Hilary Term, 42 Geo III.

**408.** APPOINTMENT and GRANT to Sir Harry Neale of Walhampton, Hants, Bart.—(1) Samuel Rutty; (2) Edward Selfe of Wood Street, Cheapside (son of Abel Selfe of Trowbridge by Eleanor daughter of John Gibbs of Trowbridge); John Bell of Trowbridge; Jane his wife; Anthony Rogers of Trowbridge; Martha his wife; Samuel Cook the younger of Trowbridge, clothier; Amy his wife; Mary Caswell, widow of Trowbridge; (3) Robert Vizer, merchant of Bristol; John Haythorne, merchant of Bristol; John Wilkins of Basinghall Street, London; (4) Sir Harry Neale, Bart.—18 and 19 June 1802.

**409.** INDENTURE OF FINE—Trin. Term, 42 Geo. III.

**410.** COUNTERPART LEASE.—Sir Harry Neale to Robert Manning of Melksham—1 Decr. 1806.

**411.** WILL of Sir Harry Neale of Walhampton, parish of Boldre, co. Southampton, Bart., Admiral in his Majesty's Royal Navy and Knight Grand Cross of the Honble. Military Order of the Bath.—Bequests to Dame Grace Elizabeth Neale his wife and Marianne Rooke his sister, widow of Wm. Rooke; devise to his brother the Revd. George Burrard—24 October 1889.

**412.** WILL of Revd. Sir Geo. Burrard of Walhampton, Boldre, Bart.—Bequests and devise to wife Emma and sons George, Harry and Sydney, and daughter Harriet—8 April 1851. [Probate 1856.]

### MISCELLANEOUS (NEALE).

#### WHITLEY, MELKSHAM.

**413.** AGREEMENT by Daniel Webb of Monckton Farley, Wilts, esquire, with Robert Neale, senr. of Corsham, Wilts, esquire, to convey to Robert Neale 2 messuages or tenements with appurtenances at Whiteley in occupation of Thos. Watson and Wm. Hooper. Witnesses—Am. Tuck, Richd. Levermore—8 Feb. 1781.

#### SHAW HILL, MELKSHAM.

**414.** MORTGAGE by Wm. Hale of Shaw, weaver, and Joseph Hale his son to Saml. Rogers the younger at Atford, yeoman—9 March 1748.

#### MELKSHAM.

**415.** CONVEYANCE.—(1) Robert Neale the elder of Corsham, Elizabeth his wife, Robert Neale the younger; (2) John Ledyard the younger of Lemington, Steeple Ashton, Wilts, dyer. The messuage or tenement in the parish of Melksham near River Avon in occupation of Samuel Tangee “ save and except the gallery pew or seat in the Parish Church of Melksham aforesaid, which is in no way intended to pass by virtue of these presents.”

#### MELKSHAM COMMON.

**416.** GRANT by Thos. Wiltshire of Beanacre, yeoman, to Robert Neale of Corsham, of one Beast Leaze in Melksham Common—9 January 1768.

#### SHAW HILL, MELKSHAM.

**417.** CONVEYANCE by John Bulgin of Melksham, Wilts, clothier, to Robert Neale of Shaw House, esquire. [Signature of Robert Neale the younger]—15 and 16 October 1772.

**418.** CONVEYANCE by Thos. Billett of Melksham Forest, husbandman, to Robert Neale of Shaw House—7 and 8 April 1775.

**419.** CONVEYANCE by John Marks to Robert Neale—27 February 1776.

**420.** CONVEYANCE by Joseph Adams to Robert Neale—28 Feb. 1776.

## SHAW.

**421.** COUNTERPART LEASE by William Arnold of Shaw, Melksham, the acting executor of Robert Neale late of Shaw House, decd., and John Walton of the Middle Temple, the receiver appointed by the Court of Chancery, to Revd. Alleyne Walter of Bath, Doctor of Laws. Witnesses—Gab. Goldney, Wm. Stevenson—31 March 1779.

**422.** RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT.—Parties: (1) Mary Dickenson, widow of Joseph Dickenson, late of Golden Lane, London, brewer; (2) Rev. Geo. Watson Hand, vicar of St. Giles, Cripplegate, London, Ann Martha his wife (*née* Ann M. Dickenson); (3) John Baron Dickenson of Ware, Herts, esquire; Rivers Dickenson of Tottenham, Middlesex, esquire; Richard Dickenson of Ware, esquire; (4) John Baron Dickenson; James Farrer of Chancery Lane. Witnesses—John Dax, Cook's Court, Carey Street; Jno. Atkinson, clerk to Mr. Farrer—22 May 1784.

**423.** MR. HULBERT'S half-year's account of the rental of the Neale estates to Ladyday 1840, including 39 tenants in cos. Wilts, Dorset and Gloucester—25 March 1840.

**424.** LEASE.—John Barfield of Thatcham, Berks, gent., to Edward Rolls, St. James' Road, Old Kent Road, Surrey, gent.—West End House, Wickwar, Gloucestershire. [John Corbett Neale died at this house.] Witnesses—Samuel Barfield, Fredk. Tritton, 3, Crown Square, Southwark—8 July 1846.

## LITTLECOTT AND SHAW, Co. WILTS.

## FROOME ZELLWOOD, Co. SOMERSET.

WILLS, SETTLEMENTS, &c. (SELFES, WEBBS, SMITHS, NEALES, AND OTHERS).

**425.** SETTLEMENT (in triplicate) in consideration of marriage between John Romen (*alias* Rawkins) and Mary his then wife, and in consideration of marriage between Jacob Selfe and Ruth his said wife.—Parties: (1) John Romen and Mary his wife; (2) Jacob Selfe, eldest son of Isaac Selfe of Beanacre, gent., and Ruth his wife, the daughter and sole heir apparent of the said John Romen; (3) John Gale of Bulhydes, Kynton St. Michaell's, yeoman, and Wm. Ruttye, yeoman.—Land at Littlecott, Hylmarton, Wilts, purchased by John Romen of the Right Honble. Francis Lord Seymour, Baron of Trowbridge. Witnesses—Robert Smith, Wm. Elye, Jno. Elye, Wm. Ruttye, Geo. Cook, Thos. Baylys—20 October 1649.

**426.** INDENTURES OF FINE.—Romen and others to Gale and Ruttye—Mich. Term 1649.

**427.** SETTLEMENT (bargain and sale and release) by Thomas Smith on his wife.—Parties: (1) Robert Smith of Froome Zelwood, Somerset, gent., Thomas Smith son of sd. Robert; (2) Robert Chaloner of Roundway, Cannings Episcopi, Wilts, gent., Robert Nicholas of Roundway aforesaid, gent., and John Nicholas of the University of Oxford. Tenement called Ballowe or Great Ballowe and 203 acres land and common of pasture in waste ground of Frigell Street in Froome Zellwood. Witnesses—Wm. Thurman, Jer: Yates, Griff: Nicholas—17 and 18 September 1666.

**428.** AGREEMENT in consideration of intended marriage between Daniel Webb of Melksham, Wilts, clothier, and Margaret Selfe (one of the daughters of Jacob Selfe and Ruth his wife). Parties: (1) Daniel Webb; (2) Jacob Selfe of Beanacre and John Romen of Goatacre, Hilmarton, clothier.—Daniel Webb to settle Rotteridge, Burnwood and Waytes and 200 acres land in Melksham; his dwelling-house there; common of Yeamead there. Jacob Selfe to settle two-thirds of Littlecott. John Romen to settle leaseholds in Somerford Magna, Wilts. Witnesses—Jonathan Rogers, Ethw. Slade. [Memorandum:—Mr. Webb died before Mrs. Webb attained the age of 21, leaving only one child, who married Mr. Smith of Shaw.]—7 March 1678 (26 Charles II.).

**429.** WILL of Thomas Smith of Froome Zellwood.—Devise of lands to his son Thomas Smith and the heirs of his body, with remainder to his nephew Francis Mercer—17 Nov. 1674.

**430.** COUNTERPART OF ASSIGNMENT.—Joseph Bayly of Froome Sellwood, Cordweyner, Anne Smith of Froome, widow; Edward Madox, a citizen and Lynnen Draper of London; Edward Froude of New Sarum, Wilts, gent.; and Francis Mercer of New Sarum, iremonger, executors of last will of Thomas Smith late of Froome, clothier, to Andrew Rogers of Froome, chandler—8 May 1679.

**431.** AGREEMENT for settling on John and Mary Tuck and their issue one-third of Moiety of Littlecott.—Parties: (1) Francis Tuck, John Tuck his son, Mary Tuck wife of John Tuck, and John Roman; (2) Isaac Selfe and Richard Guppy—18 April 1681.

**432.** CONVEYANCE (in triplicate) for purposes of settling.—Parties: (1) Jacob Selfe of Beanacre, gent., Mary his then wife, Isaac Selfe of Beanacre, son and heir apparent of said Jacob Selfe; (2) John Tuck of Wroughton, gent., Mary his then wife, Roger Spackman of Bushton, gent., and Ruth his then wife; (3) Margaret Webb of Melksham, widow; (4) Edward Hope, junr., of the Devizes, gent., and Wm. Norris of the Middle Temple, gentn.—One-third of Moiety of Littlecott on John and Mary Tuck and issue; one-third on Roger Spackman, his heirs and assigns; one-third on Margaret Webb, her heirs and assigns. To Jacob Selfe, his heirs and assigns, Kingston's Farm in Tythings of Beanacre, Whitley and Shaw, Wilts, theretofore in the possession of Isaac Selfe, gentn., decd., late father of the said Jacob Selfe, and then of said Jacob Selfe. [Endorsement: Note Jacob Selfe had by Ruth his wife, daughter of John Roman, only 3 children all daughters, who intermarried, viz.: Margaret with Mr. Webb, Ruth with Mr. Spackman, and Mary with John Tuck]—8 Augt. 1685.

**433.** WILL of John Roman of Widcombe, Hillmarten, gent.—Mentions Jacob Selfe, his son-in-law, Margaret Webb (sole and only executrix), Elizabeth her daughter; Roger and 4 other sons of Roger Spackman; Mary and 2 other children of John Tuck; his sister Edith Poole, and his cousin Sarah Church—26 March 1689.

**434.** AGREEMENT before marriage.—Parties: (1) Thomas Smith, son and heir of Thomas Smith, late of Froome Zellwood (clothier), decd.; (2) Margaret Webb, relict and administratrix of Daniel Webb of Melksham (clothier), decd., and Elizabeth Webb, sole daughter and heir of the said Daniel Webb; (3) Isaac Selfe of Beanacre, William Norris and John Houlton—10 April 1694.

**435.** SETTLEMENT after marriage.—Parties: (1) Thomas Smith; (2) Margaret Webb; (3) Isaac Self, William Norris and John Houlton.—Manor of Tollar Wylme and Catscliffe, co. Dorset; Rectory or Parsonage impropriate of Kinnerley *als.* Kinnerleigh, with glebe and tythes; Norwood Lodge with land and tythes; Ballow *als.* Great Ballow, with land and common of pasture—1 and 2 Jan. 1696.

**436.** LEASE AND RELEASE.—Parties: (1) John Ashe of Dinton, Wilts, esquire, late of Haywood, Westbury, co. Wilts, and Sary his wife; James Ashe of Dinton, gent., eldest son and heir apparent of said John Ashe; (2) Joseph Houlton the elder of Trowbridge, Wilts, clothier; (3) Thos. Smith of Melksham, esquire.—Capital messuage, mansion house known as Shaw or Shaw Farm in the parish of Melksham, with 12 closes of land, 124½ acres of land. Witnesses—Thomas Frowd, John Clark, Harman King, Wm. Norris, Geo. Newland, Wm. Boucher, Eliza Norris. [On water spouts, T. S. E. 1703] —17 and 18 December 1701 (19 Wm. III.) [Cf: Charters 476-499.]

**437.** FURTHER SETTLEMENT (after marriage).—Parties: (1) Thos. Smith and Elizabeth his wife; (2) Margaret, then of Bath; (3) Isaac Selfe and Wm. Norris of Lincoln's Inn. Witnesses—Isaac Hammun, Ben. Poulsum, John Kent, Ann Hodges, Ja: Wickham.—Ballow or Great [bar]low released to Thomas Smith in consideration of additional settlement of (1) The New Mansion House called Shaw House with land; (2) the tenement in Melksham in possession of Thos. Long, clothier, and wherein the said Thos. Smith theretofore dwelt; (3) Yeamead; (4) 2 acres at Beanacre; (5) Rotteridge and 135 acres land with commons of pasture in Blackmore, Whitley and Shaw. Recital as to children John, Walter, Margaret and Elizabeth, and erection of a seat for the family—4 and 5 June 1718 (4 Geo. I.).

**438.** DIARY of Thomas Smith of Shaw House [Appendix D]. 28 Feb. 1721 to 31 Novr. 1722.

**439.** WILL of Thomas Smith.—(1) To daughter Margaret £2,000; (2) to son Walter and daughter Elizabeth all lands in co. Dorset; his third of lands in Hilmarton after decease of his mother-in-law, Margaret Webb, and John Tuck of Hilmarton; coppice in Beanacre bought of Thomas Fettiplace—John Smith his son, sole executor.—Margaret Webb, Isaac Selfe of Beanacre, John Norris of Bean Easton, Somerset, and John Thresher of Bradford, Councillor-at-law, to be trustees and guardians of children—26 April 1723. (Probate 2 Septr. 1723.)

**440.** CONVEYANCE to bar estates tail and remainders.—Parties: (1) John Smith, esquire, son and heir of Thomas Smith; (2) Henry Gale, gent.; (3) Wm. Walter, gent.—Shaw House, Shaw Farm and lands; messuage called Newtons [situate on the River Avon], Melksham; Bushy Mead; Yea Mead; Wallbridge; Rotteridge, *als.* Burden Wood; Rowneham, *als.* Rowsams, in parish of Rowde, Wilts—30 Novr. 1726. [Cf: Charter 588.]

**441.** SETTLEMENT.—(1) John Smith and Mary Smith his wife; (2) Sarah Harvey, widow, mother of Mary Smith; (3) Isaac Selfe of the Inner Temple, John Harvey of Cole Park, Malmesbury, Wilts, and John Thresher of the Inner Temple.—Mansion House of Shaw; Shaw Farm and lands; Newtons; Bushy Mead. Witnesses—Ann Methwen, Ann Panton and Harry Witts—7 Jan. 1727.

**442.** SETTLEMENT in confirmation and to remove doubts.—(1) John Smith and Mary his wife; (2) Isaac Selfe, John Harvey and John Thresher. [Newtons omitted; Rectory of Kinnerley included]—4 July 1727.

**443.** WILL of Walter Smith.—Devise of all lands to Mary Smith, his wife—8 May 1782.

**444.** WILL of John Smith of Shaw, esquire.—Mary Smith, executrix; John Smith of Stony Littleton, Somerset; and John Thresher of Bradford, trustees.—Mentions Elizabeth Smith his sister, Robert Smith of Comb Hay, his cousin, William Downes, footman, and Harry Witts. Witnesses—William Eyles, John Hayward and William Mill. Directed that his body should be decently interred in that part of the Isle in the Parish Church of Melksham which was formerly contracted for by his late father, Thomas Smith, esqre., decd., with Jacob Selfe, late of Melksham, esqre., also decd.; that his interment might be in a linen shirt and not in woollen as was customary, and that the penalty required by law might be paid; and that his horse called Cricket might be kept upon some part of his estate called Shaw as long as he should live, and that he might not be sold to any person whatsoever, but constantly taken care of there. [Under the limitations in this Will and upon the decease of the testator's widow, Mary Smith, in October 1758, Robert Smith, the 2nd son of the testator's cousin, Robert Smith of Comb Hay, entered into possession of Shaw House and the real estate]—21 March 1736. (Probate 81 August 1757.)

**445.** BILL in Chancery by Robert Neale and Elizabeth his wife, against Mary Smith and Robert Smith and Yerbury Smith, 2nd and 3rd sons of Robert Smith of Comb Hay, cousin of John Smith, decd.—Nov. 1757.

**446.** ANSWER of Robert Smith and Yerbury Smith—11 May 1758.

**447.** BRIEF for plaintiff in Neale *v.* Smith on trial at Salisbury, when Will of 21 March 1786, set aside. Counsel, Mr. Gould, Mr. Burland, Mr. Thurlow, Mr. Awdry. Witnesses—John Gerrish, the tenant of Shaw Farm; Mrs. Gerrish, Betty Rutty, John Skeats, Mrs. Hussey, Harry Witts, lawyer of Tetbury, Edward Gale, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Thompson, William Eyles, John Haywood, Matthew Allard, Mr. Neale's servant, Webb, an apothecary, Gibbs, Elizabeth Scot, Thos. Bevan, Mary Ruddock, Wm. Eyles.—Mentions also Saml. Sanger, Ruth Drinkwater, widow, George Briant and John Allen, tenants; John Harvey and Awdley Harvey, brothers of Mary Smith; John Lovell of Bath, apothecary, the husband of Miss Harvey, the daughter of Awdley Harvey—28 July 1759.

**448.** A ROUGH DRAFT of Extract of Deeds delivered by Mr. Lovell to Mr. Neale, junr., including "Mr. Smith as sheriff, his account and copy of acquittal and a little Latin deed."—8 September 1761.

**449.** RELEASE.—Robert Neale and Elizabeth his wife to John Lovell of Bath, apothecary—16 January 1762.

**450.** GRANT by Sir Harry Neale, Bart., Vice Admiral, K.C.B., to Bigoe Chas. Williams, of his reversionary interest to such uses as Lady Neale should appoint in Shaw House, Park and land—28 September 1821.

**451.** RELEASE in pursuance of agreement.—Parties: (1) John Neale of Berkeley; (2) John Corbett Neale of Yate; (3) Sir Harry Neale, Bart.—17 July 1823.

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## LITTLECOTT, HILMARTON, Co. WILTS.

**452.** SETTLEMENT by the Right Honble. Sir Edward Seymour, Knight, Baron Beauchamp and Earl of Hertford, upon the marriage of Francis Seymour, esquire, one of the grandchildren of the said Earl, with Frances Prynne, eldest daughter of Sir Gilbert Prynne of Allington, Wilts, Knight—"for the natural love "and affection which he beareth unto the said Francis Seymour and others of the "name and blood of the said Earl"—entailing the property upon the heirs of their bodies, with remainders in default successively to Edward Seymour, commonly called Lord Beauchamp and brother of the said Francis, and Wm. Seymour, esquire, brother of the said Edward and Francis in tail male.—Parties: (1) The Earl of Hertford; (2) Francis Seymour, his grandson; (3) Sir Gilbert Prynne. Executed by 'Hertford.' Witnesses—F. Peyton, Ric. Wheeler, Ni. Hyde, James Kyerton, John Smith, Thomas Mason, William Nea . .—1 January 1612 (10 Jas. I.).

**453.** COUNTERPART SURRENDER of life interest by the Right Honble. Francis Lord Seymour, Baron of Trowbridge, to Charles Seymour, esquire, son and heir apparent of the said Francis Lord Seymour, to enable the said Charles to convey to John Romen *als.* Rawkins of Helmerton, clothier. Executed by Charles Seymour. Witnesses—Thos. Childe, Thos. Keene, John Alehorn, Edward Alehorn—25 November 1646 (22 Car. I.).

**454.** CONVEYANCE by Francis Lord Seymour and Charles Seymour to John Romen.—Executed by Francis Seymour and Charles Seymour. Witnesses—Thos. Childe, Thos. Keene, John Alehorn, Edward Alehorn. *Endorsed:* "The Lord Seymour his deed of Conveyance of the land at Littlecott in the parish of Hylmarton in the Countie of Wiltes"—27 November 1647.

**455.** MORTGAGE by Roger Spackman of Bushton, Cleeve Pepper, Wilts, yeoman, to Dame Elianor Button of Tockenham Court, Wilts.—One-third of Littlecott.

**456.** CONVEYANCE by Roger Spackman and Ruth his wife to Thomas Smith of Melksham, esquire.—One-third of Littlecott. Witnesses—Thos. Foster, Rich. Bridges, Mary Briggs—1 and 2 July 1698.

**457.** COPY RECOVERY of Littlecott and lands in order to bar entail.—John Tuck, senr., and John Tuck his son—1709.

**458.** MORTGAGE by John Tuck to John Wilson of Chippenham, Wilts, Practiser in physicks (John Barnard, tenant)—25 January 1718.

**459.** CONVEYANCE by John Tuck the elder of Witcombe, Hilmarton, gent., son and heir of Fras. Tuck late of Ellington, decd., to Thos. Smith of Shaw, esquire. Witnesses—J. Selfe, Jacob Selfe, Fran. Sadlier—4 and 5 Feb. 1715.

**460.** ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE.—(1) John Wilson; (2) John Tuck, senr.; (3) John Gale of Calne, Wilts, Drugget Maker. Witnesses—Joshua Sheppard, Walt. Harvey—27 April 1715.

**461.** CONVEYANCE by John Tuck the younger, clothier, to Thos. Smith of Shaw. Witnesses—Edward Billett, Edwd. Ranger, junr., Francis Sadlier—20 and 21 April 1716.

**462.** ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE to Thomas Smith.—(1) John Gale; (2) John Tuck the elder; (3) Thos. Smith; (4) Robert Nicholas of Devizes, Wilts, esquire, Witnesses—Joseph Cale, Thos. Hawkins, Eliz. Cale—1 August 1716.

**463.** CONVEYANCE by John Tuck the elder to Walter Smith of Shaw, and Elizabeth Smith of Shaw, spinster. Witnesses—J. Selfe, J. Smith, Tho. Selfe—21 and 22 Septr. 1724.

**464.** OATH by John Tuck, senr., as to his interest. Witness—Jac. Smith—24 September 1724.

**465.** BOND by Walter Smith of St. Clements Danes, Middlesex, gent., to Thos. Houghton at St. Martin's in the Fields, Middlesex, Merchant Taylor—27 Feb. 1728.

**466.** MORTGAGE by Walter Smith to Nicholas Pearce of Bath, carrier—27 Novr. 1729.

**467.** ASSIGNMENT to Wm. Stump of Corsham, clothier—11 May 1781.

**468.** MORTGAGE by Walter Smith and Mary his wife to William Stump—81 August 1781.

**469.** BOND by Walter Smith and Elizabeth Smith his sister to Wm. Coleman, gent.—19 Feb. 1782.

**470.** CONVEYANCE by Margaret Webb of Bath, widow, to Elizabeth Smith, spinster, granddaughter of said Margaret.—One-third Littlecott. Witnesses—John Smith of Shaw; Ann Tuck of Harden Huish; Ann Sainsbury, servant. [Indorsement: Mrs. Webb could formerly write very well, now age has impaired her sight, she being 76 and 55 a widow. Note: Mrs. Elizabeth Smith had this likewise devised to her by Mrs. Webb in her last Will dated 1732, and proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1733. Mrs. Webb was daughter of Mr. Jacob Selfe (was heir at law of ye third of Littlecott) married with Mr. Webb who had only one daughter, who married Mr. Smith]—29 and 80 Septr. 1782.

**471.** CONVEYANCE to Elizabeth Smith.—(1) Wm. Stump; (2) Mary Smith of Marlborough, Wilts, widow, relict, sole executrix and devisee of Will of Walter Smith, late of the Six Clerks' office in Chancery Lane, gent., and John Smith of Shaw; (3) Elizabeth Smith of Bath, spinster. Witnesses—Grace Rewse, R. Tuck—11 May 1785.

**472.** ASSIGNMENT OF BOND by Thos. Houghton to Adam Tuck in trust for Wm. Stump—28 Feb. 1786.

**473.** ASSIGNMENT to John Norris in trust for Robert Neale.—(1) Wm. Stump; (2) Robt. Neale; (3) Adam Tuck; (4) John Norris—18 June 1787.

**474.** TRANSFER OF CHARGE by Wm. Stump to Robert Neale.—Littlecott and Tollar—17 and 18 June 1787.

**475.** CONFIRMATION by Mary Smith of Marlborough to Robert Neale of third of Littlecott and Moiety of Tollar Wylme or otherwise Catscliffe. Witnesses—Chas. Young of New Inn; Francis Brathwaite of Marlborough.

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## SHAW, MELKSHAM, Co. WILTS.

THE MANSION HOUSE CALLED SHAW HOUSE, WITH SHAW  
FARM AND OTHER LANDS AND TYTHES.

**476.** ARTICLES.—Parties: (1) Andrew Baynton; (2) John Gerrish—  
10 Nov. 1577 (4 and 5 Philip and Mary).

**477.** AGREEMENT to convey by fine to uses for settling.—Parties: (1) John Gerrish the elder of Shawe, Melksham, Wilts, gent. (son and heir of John Gerrish, gent.), John Gerrish the younger, his son and heir apparent and father of Wm. Gerrish; (2) Gabriel Pyle of Collingborne, Wilts, esquire, John Lowe of New Sarum, esquire, Robert Shaa of Marlborough, gent., Ann Weare, *als.* Brown, widow, late wife of Thos. Weare, *als.* Browne; Elizabeth Weare, *als.* Browne, one of the daughters of Thos. Weare, *als.* Brown.—The Manor, Capital Messuage, Farm, Tenement and Demesnes of Shawe, and all lands, &c., thereto belonging: with other Tenements and lands—9 Septr. 1607 (4 James).

**478.** CONVEYANCE by John Gerish the elder, and Marie Gerish his wife to Wm. Gerish of Shawe, gent., grandson of the said John Gerish the elder. Witnesses—William Hayes, Robt. Gerish, John Gerishe—16 March 1630.

**479.** BARGAIN and sale in order to suffer a recovery.—(1) Wm. Gerrish; (2) Humfrey Jefferys, Anthony Neale, gentn.—1 June 1688.

**480.** MORTGAGE by Wm. Gerish to Dame Anne Eyre—24 March 1685.

**481.** MORTGAGE by Wm. Gerishe late of Melksham to Dame Anne Eyre of Great Chalfield—28 May 1685.

**482.** CONVEYANCE by Wm. Gerish to John Ashe of Freshford, Somerset, gent.—Capital messuage and 14 closes of land. Witnesses—Benjamin Pitt, Henry Brodrib, John Yeoman, Samuel Hurdles—18 Octr. 1687.

**483.** DEFEASANCE to make void same on condition.—(1) John Ashe; (2) Wm. Gerish. Same witnesses—18 October 1687.

**484.** BARGAIN and sale and to lead the use of a fine and recovery.—(1) Wm. Gerish of Shaw; (2) John Ashe; (3) Benjamin Avery of Froome Sellwood, gent., Richard Hicks of Wells. Witnesses—Edw. Sheppard, John Derrick, John Prestwood, senr., Thomas Helme. [Mentions Jeremy Gough (tenant); Frances Selfe, daughter of Isaac Selfe]—5 October 1689.

**485.** RECOVERY.—(1) John Ashe; (2) Wm. Gerish—Mich. 1689.

**486.** ASSIGNMENT by Dame Anne Eyre of Great Chalfield, widow, to John Barnard of Freshford, Somerset, gent. Witnesses—Anthony Rosewell and others—1 April 1640.

**487.** WILL of James Ashe late of Fifield, Melton, Wilts, esquire.—Devise of lands at Shawe and Melksham and Manor of Fifield.—To his wife Margery (afterwards Margery Webb), Sir John Ashe, John Ashe, senr., and John Methuen in trust for his eldest son, John Ashe, after decease of wife—19 August 1671.

**488.** LEASE FOR LIFE by John Ashe of Haywood in the parish of Westbury, Wilts, gent., to Robert Newman of Haywood, yeoman. Witnesses—Jacob Selfe, Edward Stratton and another—29 September 1675.

**489.** GRANT by John Ashe to Sir Joseph Ashe and others for purposes of said Will.—(1) John Ashe of Heywood (son of James Ashe); (2) Sir Joseph Ashe of Twittenham, Middlesex, Bart., John Ashe, senr., of Teffont, Wilts, esquire, Edmund Webb of Rodborne Cheney, Wilts, esquire, Margery his wife and John Methuen, of the Inner Temple, London, esquire—14 June 1676.

**490.** COVENANT to settle and convey.—(1) John Ashe, junr.; (2) said John Ashe, John Ashe, senr., Edmund Webb, Margery Webb, John Methuen—29 Feb. 1690.

**491.** BARGAIN and sale for a year.—(1) John Ashe, junr.; (2) Sir Joseph Ashe, John Ashe the elder, Edmund Webb, Margery Webb and John Methuen—10 June 1690.

**492.** GRANT IN FEE to John Ashe.—(1) John Methuen and Edmund Webb; (2) John Ashe, son and heir of James Ashe; (3) Elizabeth Parker of Frenches, Surrey, widow, James Ashe of Heywood, Wilts, gent., and Sarah Ashe, the only surviving younger children of James Ashe. Witnesses—John Hollis, Wm. White, George Thomas, Martha Puttit, Samuel W. Sadler—9 and 10 Feb. 1691.

**493.** MORTGAGE by John Ashe to John Awdry of Melksham, mercer. Witnesses—Harman King, Martin Tyler—28 April 1696.

**494.** FURTHER SECURITY by John Ashe to Joseph Houlton of Trowbridge. Witnesses—Harman King, Joseph Houlton, junr.—6 Feb. 1698.

**495.** MORTGAGE by John Ashe to Joseph Houlton—22 and 28 September 1698.

**496.** FURTHER SECURITY by John Ashe to Joseph Houlton. Witnesses—James Ashe, son of the above, and others—28 Octr. 1698. [Cf: Charter 436.]

**497.** LEASE of Shaw Farm by John Smith of Shaw to John Gerish, yeoman—19 Feb. 1748.

**498.** AGREEMENT FOR LEASE by John Smith to John Gerish and John Chapman—18 April 1749.

**499.** LEASE of Shaw Farm (with plan) by Sir Harry Burrard Neale, Bart., to John Ford—1 Decr. 1806.

#### GREAT YEAMEAD.

**500.** DEMISE for 1,000 years by Wm. Hall of Melksham, cooper, to Robt. Webb of Melksham, clothyer—27 March 1678.

**501.** CONVEYANCE by John Gerish of Shawe, yeoman, to Margaret Webb, widow. Witnesses—Chas. Hanner, Jacob Selfe, Wm. Pepper—6 and 7 Jan. 1684.

## WALBRIDGE.

**502.** MORTGAGE by Thos. Johnson of Shaw, yeoman (son and heir of Thos. Johnson) to Jane Johnson of Shaw, widow—15 April 1682.

**503.** CONVEYANCE by Thos. Johnson of Attworth, Bradford, and Ann Johnson of Shaw, widow, his mother, to Roger Bessen of Melksham, Woolstead Comber. Witnesses—Ambrose Awdry and others—20 and 21 April 1688.

**504.** CONVEYANCE by Richard Collibee of Bath, gent., and Joane his wife (daughter and heir of Roger Bessen) to Thomas Smith of Melksham, gent.—14 and 15 June 1697.

## LITTLE WEST FIELD.

**505.** GRANT by Isaac Selfe of Beanacre, esquire, to Thomas Smith in exchange. Witnesses—Henry Long, Jacob Selfe, Samuel Selfe—11 January 1705.

## BULL'S LEAZE, MANOR OF BEANACRE LOVELL.

**506.** GRANT by Thos. Fettiplace, senr., of Fernham, Berks, esquire, and Rachel his wife to Charles Fettiplace and others.—Lands (*inter alia*) in Lovells and Beanacre. [Same parties as in No. 898 in addition to Elizabeth, John and Mary Fettiplace]—6 March 1701.

**507.** CONVEYANCE to Thomas Smith.—[Other portions same as in No. 401] Bull's Leaze—19 and 20 Feb. 1714.

## MANOR AND PARSONAGE OF MELKSHAM.

**508.** BARGAIN AND SALE by Richard Coxeter to Thos. Smith of tythes arising out of farm in the liberty of the forest of Blackmore called Rothridge, granted to R. Coxeter by the Dean and Chapter of Sarum. Witnesses—Robt. Maysey, Miles Boushall—12 April 1717.

## TOLLAR WYLME AND CATSCLIFFE, Co. DORSET.

**509.** OLD Court Booke of the Manor.—Commencing 16 Feb. 1680.

**510.** LEASE for lives by the Right Honble. William, Lord Marquis of Winchester and Lady Agnes his wife to Giles Penny.

**511.** COVENANT to levy fine—as to Manor to use of Lord Charles Powlett; as to Capital Messuage, Farm and 24 Closes named to use of parties of 2nd part.—(1) The Right Honble. John, Lord Marquis of Winton, the Right Honble. Lord Charles Powlett, Lord Henry Powlett, Lord Edward Powlett; (2) George Penny the younger of Weston, Dorset, Esquire, John Chamberlyn of London, Esquire, Edmund Perkins of Upton, Berks, Esquire, Geo. Polton of Durburrowe, Northampton, Esquire. Witnesses—Edward Benson, Anthony Rigby, Henry Osey, Clement Reed, Geo. Underwood, Richard Grace—24 Feb. 1680.

**512.** GRANT by Lord Charles Powlett to Ralph Hughes of Black Friars, London, gent.—16 April 1682.

**513.** GRANT by Ralph Hughes to Thos. Tregonwell of Ablecourt in Winterbourne Kingston, Dorset, Esquire—18 Feb. 1682.

**514.** FINE to bar entail and enable Sir John Tregonwell to sell.—Plaintiffs—John Pitt, Robert Pitt, William Wake. Defendants—John Tregonwell, Anne his wife, Lady Anne Beauchamp, Richd. Lewis—Trinity Term 1684.

**515.** AGREEMENT to convey by John Tregonwell of Anderston, Dorset, Esquire, with Thomas Smith of Froome, Somerset, Clothier. Tenants—Robert Swaffield, Roger Swaffield, Deodatus Starke, John Douch, Thos. Fowne, John Herne, Mary Game, widow, the Widow Stuse. Witnesses—Edward Frowde, Richard Foster, Ger. Barnaby, John Powell, Walter Pope—1 September 1664.

**516.** DEED OF DECLARATION.—(1) John Pitt of Blandford St. Mary, Dorset, clerk; Robert Pitt of Blandford Forum, Dorset, gent.; Wm. Wake of Blandford Forum, gent.; (2) John Tregonwell, Ann his wife; (3) Thomas Smith of Froome Selwood—80 September 1664.

**517.** CONVEYANCE by John Tregonwell, John Pitt, Robert Pitt and Wm. Wake to Thos. Smith.—26 and 27 October 1664.

**518.** GRANT by Thomas Smith of Melksham, Wilts, gent., to Wm. Norris and William Lewis to intent that common recovery might be suffered to use of Thos. Smith—6 June 1695.

**519.** Two LEASES for 99 years.—Thomas Smith to Wm. Ireland—7 and 8 October 1695.

**520.** RECOVERY.—Robt. Norris, Wm. Norris, Wm. Lewis, John Wheeler. [Portrait of William in initial letter]—Trinity Term 1696.

**521.** LEASE for 99 years.—Thos. Smith to John Pollard—25 March 1718.

**522.** LEASE for 99 years.—Thos. Smith to Ezekiel Pope—14 April 1721.

**523.** SURVEY (and duplicate) of Manor taken at a Court Baron and Court of Survey holden by Adam Tuck, steward thereof. Copyholders—John Allen, Mary Allen, widow, Ezekiel Pope, Samuel Stephens. Leaseholders—George Arrundell, gent., Mr. Prouse, assignee of Mr. Symes, John Pollard, Thos. Penny—29 August 1732.

**524.** LETTER.—Adam Tuck to Miss Elizabeth Smith at Mrs. Strachey's in Broad Street, Bath—80 Augt. 1784.

**525.** CONVEYANCE to Elizabeth Smith.—(1) Wm. Stump of Corsham, clothier; (2) Mary Smith of Marlborough, widow; John Smith of Melksham, esquire; (3) Elizabeth Smith of Bath, spinster—11 May 1785.

**526.** ASSIGNMENT OF TERM.—(1) Edward Mitchell of Corsham, clothier; (2) Wm. Stump; (3) Mary Smith; (4) Elizabeth Smith; (5) Robert Smith of Combehay, Somerset, esquire—11 May 1785.

**527.** CONVEYANCE to Charles Young to the intent he might suffer a common recovery at the suit of Edward Gale to the use of Elizabeth Smith.—(1) Lucas Selfe of Beanacre (surviving trustee of marriage settlement of Thos. Smith late of Shaw); John Smith of Shaw; Elizabeth Smith of Bath, spinster; Mary Smith of Marlborough, widow; (2) Charles Young of New Inn; (3) Edward Gale of New Inn—2 and 8 July 1785.

**528.** RECOVERY.—Same parties. Portrait of Geo. II. in initial letter—1735.

**529.** LETTER.—Robt. Neale to Thos. Pope—30 April 1764.

**530.** LEASES.—Sir Harry Neale to (1) Elias Peach; (2) Saml. Barfoot—1 Decr. 1806.

**531.** GRANT of Reversion in fee.—(1) John Neale of Berkeley; (2) John Corbett Neale of Yate; (3) Wm. Pope of Tollar Whilme, gent.; (4) Benjn. Pope of Waterstone, Puddletown, Dorset, gent.—28 September 1830.

**532.** CONVEYANCE and demise for securing annuity.—(1) Wm. Pope the younger of Tollar Whelme, gent.; (2) Sir Harry Neale of Walhampton, Bart., and Dame Grace Elizabeth his wife; (3) Sir George Duckett of Pall Mall East, Middlesex, Bart.—28 September 1830.

**533.** CONTRACT for Sale.—(1) Trustees of John Corbett Neale; (2) George Bullock of North Coker, Somerset—26 September 1856.

### NORWOOD LODGE, GLASTON, Co. SOMERSET.

#### COMPRISING PARCEL OF THE DISSOLVED MONASTERY.

**534.** DEMISE by Sir Charles Berkeley of Brewton, Somerset, Knight, for 99 years to secure £1,000.—(1) Sir Charles Berkeley, Edward Bisse the younger of Spargrave, Somerset, Esquire, Arthur Upton, gent.; (2) Mary Sydenham of Brimpton, Somerset, eldest daughter of John Sydenham, Esquire, then deceased.—The Trusse (parcel of Norwood Park)—10 August 1641.

**535.** REGRANT with condition to make void.—Mary Sydenham to Sir Charles Berkeley—16 August 1641.

**536.** INDENTURE made on intended marriage of Catherine Sydenham (administratrix of her sister Mary Sydenham, deceased) with Joseph Bampfield, gent.—(1) Joseph Bampfield, Catherine Sydenham; (2) Sir John Sydenham, Sir Ralph Sydenham—1642.

**537.** INDENTURE.—(1) Joseph Bampfield; Catherine Bampfield his wife; (2) Sir John Sydenham; Sir Ralph Sydenham of Toulston, Devon, Knight—26 January 1642.

**538.** DEMISE by Sir Charles Berkeley and others for 99 years if Katherine Davenant, wife of Edward Davenant, Doctor of Divinity, Edward Davenant and George Davenant, their sons, should so long live.—(1) Sir Charles Berkeley, Edward Cheek of Brewton, Somerset, gent.; Robt. Thorne, late of Bourton, Gillingham, Dorset, gent.; (2) Hugh Grove of Chesenbury, Wilts, esquire; Robert Grove, esquire, his brother.—The Lawne, parcel of the Monastery—1 May 1649.

**539.** DECLARATION by Hugh Grove and Robert Grove that Grant was in trust for Edward Davenant, D.D.—1 May 1649.

**540.** DEMISE by Sir Charles Berkeley to Thos. Strode of Bowlers, Shepton Mallett, gent., by way of security.—(1) Sir Charles Berkeley, Matthew Davis of Shawton, Dorset, esquire, Jas. White of Brewton, Somerset, gent., John Hutchins of Brewton, glazier; (2) Thos. Strode—6 May 1658.

**541.** CONVEYANCE to Robert Smyth the elder of Froome Sellwood, Somerset, clothier.—(1) Sir Charles Berkeley of Brewton, Dame Penelope his wife, Matthew Davys, Jas. White, John Hutchins; (2) Robert Smyth, Norwood Lodge. The Lawne, The Trusse, Little Southwood and all tithes, all in Norwood Park, Glaston—80 March 1654.

**542.** ASSIGNMENT.—(1) Sir Charles Berkeley, Sir Ralph Sydenham; (2) Robert Smyth, Richard Coombes of Froome Sellwood, yeoman; Henry Merchant of Froome Sellwood, yeoman—19 June 1654.

**543.** DEED of Feoffment.—Same parties as in Conveyance of 80 March 1654—10 July 1654.

**544.** ASSIGNMENT in Trust.—(1) Hugh Grove, Robt. Grove, Sir Charles Berkeley; (2) Robert Smyth the elder, Robert Smyth the younger, his son; Thos. Smyth, also his son—10 July 1654.

**545.** GRANT to Robert Smith.—Same parties as in Conveyance of 80 March 1654—10 July 1654.

**546.** GRANT in Trust.—(1) Thomas Strode, Sir Chas. Berkeley; (2) Robert Smyth the elder, Robert Smyth the younger, Thos. Smyth—10 July 1654.

**547.** INDENTURES of Fine.—Robert Smith, plt.; Sir Chas. Berkeley and others, defts.—Mich. Term 1654.

**548.** ASSIGNMENT in Trust.—(1) Edward Davenant, Robert Grove of Dunhead, Wilts; (2) Robert Smith the elder, Robert Smith the younger, Thos. Smith—1 June 1655.

**549.** CONVEYANCE.—(1) Robert Smith the elder, Ann his wife; (2) Thomas Smith son of said Robert—21 and 22 April 1671.

**550.** GRANT to the intent common recoveries might be suffered to use of Thos. Smith.—(1) Thomas Smith of Melksham; (2) Wm. Norris, Wm. Lewis—6 June 1695.

**551.** LEASE.—Thomas Smith of Melksham, to John Sparrow of West Bradley, Somerset, yeoman—10 October 1705.

**552.** LEASE.—John Smith of Shaw, to Abraham Goledge of Glastonbury, yeoman—20 January 1740.

**553.** MORTGAGE.—John Smith of Shaw, to Ann Hibbs of Bristol, widow—22 and 28 October 1746.

**554.** RECONVEYANCE.—Ann Hibbs to John Smith—8 and 4 April 1754.

**555.** LEASE (with plan).—Sir Harry Burrard Neale, Bart., to John Lee of Norwood Park, yeoman—1 March 1808.

**556.** CONVEYANCE to the Right Honble. Alexander, Lord Ashburton, to such uses as Frederick Baring should appoint.—(1) Dame Grace E. Neale; (2) Philip Burnett; (3) Sir Harry Neale, Dame G. E. Neale; (4) Lord Ashburton; (5) Frederick Baring; (6) John Fry Reeves; (7) Thomas Williams; (8) John Frederick Reeves—1 and 2 February 1887.

## RECTORY OF KINNERLEY, SALOP.

**557.** DEMISE for 30 years.—Thos. Duckworth, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and Brethren to Robert Reddish of the County of Chester.—The Rectory of Kinnerley in the Diocese of St. Asaph and all Tythes of corn, grain, and hay.

**558.** DEMISE for 21 years.—King Henry VIII. to Lawrence Hyde, gent.—7 Decr. 1542.

**559.** DEMISE for 21 years after Lawrence Hyde's Term.—King Edward VI. to Thomas Cox.

**560.** GRANT by Queen Elizabeth to Robert Davye and Henry Dynne to be held as of his Manor of East Greemage by fealty in free Sochage and not in Capite, the reversion of (1) the Rectory and Church; (2) Parcel of Priory of Hall Stone, lately of St. John of Jerusalem in England, lately dissolved; (3) parcel of land called Marl Pitts in Kinnerley—18 March 1560.

**561.** GRANT.—Robert Davye and Henry Dynne to . . . . Hyde—18 March 1560.

**562.** BARGAIN and sale inrolled.—Hyde to Clutterbuck—31 January 1647.

**563.** GRANT.—Ann Hyde to Edward Hyde—18 May 1657.

**564.** LEASE for 21 years and counterpart Hyde to Payne—25 May 1657.

**565.** LEASE and release by way of settlement.—Hyde to trustees—20 and 21 July 1658.

**566.** DEED of revocation of settlement.—Hyde and trustees—17 November 1659.

**567.** LEASE and release.—Hyde to Coleman and Clutterbuck—11 and 12 March 1663.

**568.** DRAFT Deed of Trust.—Hyde to Charles Crooke and Thomas Marchant—5 April 1669.

**569.** CONVEYANCE to Thomas Smith of Froome Sellwood, gent., with covenant to levy fine.—(1) Robert Hyde (son and heir apparent of Alexr. Hyde), Henry Parker and Giles Clutterbuck (exors. of said Alexander Hyde), Chas. Crook, Thomas Merchant, Etheldred Hyde, widow of Edwd. Hyde; (2) Thomas Smith—19 and 20 October 1671.

**570.** DRAFT Release of Trust.—(1) Crooke; (2) Marchant—24 April 1672.

**571.** CHIROGRAPH of Fine.—Smith, Hyde and others—Easter Term, 14 Charles II.

**572.** AGREEMENT between Thomas Smith and Thomas Bowen, relating to a law suit between the clerk of Kinnerley and the owner about a perquisite—29 July 1713.

**573.** CONVEYANCE for the purpose of suffering a recovery.—John Smith to Henry Gale, gent., and others—28 and 29 November 1726.

**574.** RECOVERY.—Hilary Term, 18 Geo. I.

**575.** CONVEYANCE.—Robert Neale, esquire, and Elizabeth his wife (sister and heir at law of John Smith, late of Shaw) to John Windsor of Shrewsbury, Salop, gent.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS (SMITH).

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##### CLOFORD, Co. SOMERSET.

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**576.** LEASE for 99 years.—Sir George Horner of Wells, Somerset, knight, to Thomas Bayly of Froome. Hide's land and Cockmore in Manor of Cloford —4 June 1669.

**577.** MORTGAGE.—Thos. Bayly to Thomas Smith.

##### BUCKHOLT, Cos. SOUTHAMPTON AND WILTS.

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**578.** DEMISE by Letters Patent for 27 years.—King Charles II. to Robert Chaloner, esquire.

**579.** DEMISE by Letters Patent to Thos. Smith for 28 years.—King William III. to Thomas Smith. East Buckholt, theretofore filled with great firewood heath now wholly cut down and the soil converted into a warren for cunnys and pasture, excepting all great trees, timber trees, woods, underwoods, mines and quarries—19 November 1701.

**580.** ASSIGNMENT by Thos. Smith of Melksham, Wilts, Esquire, to John Cheney of Inner Temple, London, gent., and Thomas Hussey of London, haberdasher.—(1) Thos. Smith; (2) Anthony \_\_\_\_\_ of Inner Temple, London, esquire; Thos. Edmunds of Bosington, Southampton, gent.; (3) John Cheney, Thos. Hussey. Witnesses—William Norris, Thom. Ollive—1 April 1708.

##### WINTERBOURNE SHURBOROUGH AND CALNE, Co. WILTS.

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**581.** DEMISE.—Alice Reve, widow, and Wm. Reve to Oliver Girdler—20 Sept. 1578.

**582.** CONVEYANCE by Thos. Hussee of Taberhame, Norfolk, gent., to Wm. Rive of Winterbourne Shurborough, Wilts, yeoman.

**583.** LEASE.—Wm. Reve and John Reve his son, to Walter Cooley and Margaret Girdler, widow.—Tenement there in the Greene between house of Wm. Allen, gent., decd., and the Queen's highway and land in Mayne Hill—5 April 1625.

**584.** LEASE for 99 years.—John Duckett of Hartham, Wilts, Esquire, to Walter Cooley, if he, Margarett his wife and his child should so long live.—The lands Clayhills and Millham in Tything of Queensford, Calne—20 June 1625.

**585.** ASSIGNMENT by Walter Cooley of Calne, Innholder, and Margarett Cooley his wife to Edward Stratton of Mashehouse in the parish of Bremhill, Wilts, gent.—Aforesaid premises and the goods and household stuff in the annexed schedule [which mentions the following inns:—Unicorne; Lyon; Crowne; Fayer Head; Rose; Grey Hound; Harte]—9 June 1635.

**586.** DEMISE for 98 years.—Edward Northey the elder of the Devizes, Wilts, gent., to John Rive *als.* Reeves of Winterbourne Sherborough. Witnesses—Robert Nicholas and others—12 May 1636.

**587.** DEFEASANCE.—Northey and Rive—7 July 1636.

#### ROWDE, Co. WILTS.

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**588.** RECOVERY.—Smyth. [Very fine portrait of Charles II. in illuminated initial letter with birds and flowers]—1678.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS (NEALE OR SMITH).

(The following documents may relate to a mortgage debt owing to Robert Neale of Corsham and discharged in or about 1738, or they may have come into Mr. Smith's hands when Sheriff.)

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#### NORTH HUISH AND DIPFORD, DEVON.

**589.** CONVEYANCE.—Edmund Sture of Maridge, Devon, esqre., to John Kellond of Paynsford, Devon, esquire.—Farm and land called Hawkeridge in North Huish; Messuage or tenement called Tennaton *als.* Enaton in Dipford, Devon, with Manor House, lands and appurtenances—24 and 25 May 1691.

**590.** CONVEYANCE.—Charles Kellond, son and heir of John Kellond, decd., to Moses Gould of Dunscombe, Devon, esquire—10 November 1698.

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#### ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

**591.** JUDGMENT.—(Richard, Lord Protector of England). In the Court of Upper Bench then on record in the Court of King's Bench—Henry Bonner, plt.; Samuel Bonner, dft.—Mich. Term 1658.

**592.** ASSIGNMENT by Bonner to Ingram.—(1) Thomas Bonner of Godleman, Surrey, administrator of Henry Bonner, late of London, haberdasher; (2) Richard Jobson of Huntingdon, fellmonger; Wm. Ingram of Pudding Lane, London, salter—5 June 1674.

**593.** MORTGAGE.—(1) Richard Jobson, Elizabeth his wife; (2) Wm. Gosnell of London, merchant; (3) Edward Mann of London, hosier; Thos. Robinson of London, looking-glass maker.—Lands situate in Woodside, Envill *als.* Enfield, Middlesex—9 June 1677.

**594.** ASSIGNMENT.—(1) Wm. Ingram; (2) Philip Ford of London, merchant; Richard Jobson—27 Sept. 1679.

#### LANTHEROW HANGER, Co. MONMOUTH.

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**595.** GRANT.—Walter Griffin of Lanbrechbach to Wm. Thomas of Carlion, gent., and Margaret his wife—21 March 1616.

#### ROCKFIELD, Co. MONMOUTH.

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**596.** WILL of John Roberts the elder of Dingerton, gent.—Devise to grandson, Wm. Hughes.—Tenement called Tyback and land in Rockfield.

**597.** MORTGAGE.—Wm. Hughes the younger of London, carrier, to Samuel Baker of Monmouth, chandler—81 Jan. 1766.

**598.** GRANT of Annuity.—Wm. Hughes the younger to Wm. Hughes the elder—1 Feb. 1766.

**599.** ASSIGNMENT of Term.—(1) Samuel Baker; (2) Wm. Hughes the younger; (3) Phillip Meakings Hardwick, skinner, of Monmouth; Wm. Powell of Monmouth, surgeon—2 and 8 August 1768.

**600.** CONVEYANCE.—Wm. Hughes the younger, to Saml. Baker—8 August 1768.

**601.** MORTGAGE.—Ann Baker to John Bowen of Monmouth, gent.—15 May 1784.

**602.** ASSIGNMENT.—John Taylor Bowen, John Gwin Hughes and Robert Williams, execs. of John Bowen, decd., to Daniell Thurston of Monmouth, gent.—5 April 1800.

#### WHITCHURCH, Co. MONMOUTH.

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**603.** BOND.—John Morgan of Wonsastow, Monmouthshire, and Rebecca his wife to Thomas Viller of Cardiff, gent.

#### RADDICOTT, LANGFORD AND CLANFIELD, Cos. BERKS AND OXFORD.

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**604.** CONVEYANCE.—John Barber, Citizen and Draper of London, to Edward Yate of Buckland, Berks, esquire.—Tenement in Ruddicott *als.* Rotticott, Oxon, near the Chappell, abutting on highway from Rathcott to the town of Burford; lands abutting S.E. upon the Thames near unto Rottcot Weare; the Chappell or Barne of Rottcott; the free fishing in the lower water belonging to Radcott—9 May 1621 (19 James).

**605.** SETTLEMENT upon Henry Beck, his wife and children.—(1) Henry Beck of Rudcott; Martha his wife; (2) Theophilus Leigh of Lenchwick, Worcester, esquire; Leonard Brandon of London, merchant.—The said messuage and lands (including Little Frogmore, Frogmore Marsh, Mudwall Ground, Temsey Ground, Great Frogmore, Ashon Pill, Lower water and free fishing, &c.) all in Radcott, Langford and Clanfield—8 and 9 March 1688.

**606.** RESETTLEMENT on Henry Beck, his wife and children.—(1) Henry Beck of Radcott; Martha his wife; (2) Theophilus Leigh of Addlestropp, Gloucester, esquire; Leonard Brandon—21 January 1690.

**607.** MORTGAGE by demise.—Henry Beck to Jonathan Dewe of Hampton, Oxon, gent.—1 July 1692.

#### CHERTSEY, SURREY.

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**608.** COVENANT to levy a fine by way of security.—(1) Francis Baldwin of Chertsey, tanner; Frances his wife; (2) Robert Corffe of Chobham, Surrey, yeoman; Nicholas West of Chertsey, hatter.—Messuage, garden and orchard in East Street, in town and parish of Chertsey, in occupation of Wm. Blake—1 November 1702.

**609.** GRANT and release to John Millist of Ham Moor, in Chertsey, yeoman.—(1) Robert Corffe; (2) Francis Baldwin, Frances his wife; (3) John Millist—24 Feb. 1704.

#### MILL LANE AND POULTER'S MEADES, KINGSTON, SURREY.

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**610.** CONVRYANCE IN FEE.—John Fox of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, to Richard Balden of Kingston.—The Myll Lane near Kingston, bounded on East by Poulter's Meade and other land. Witness—John Bromley—12 Decr. 1596.

**611.** BARGAIN and sale for a year.—(1) Richard Wyseman of Torrell's Hall, Essex, knight; John Platt of Westbrooke Place, Goldalming, Surrey, clerk; (2) Richard Hammond of Kynghston-upon-Thames, butcher.—Two closes called Poulter's Meades near Norbiton Common in parish of Kingston; the river (leading from Ewell to Kingston) on South. Witnesses—Thos. Mellersh and others—5 Novr. 1668.

**612.** CONVEYANCE.—John Fielder of Kingston, mealman, to Richard Hammond.—A meadow at a lane called Mill Lane, Kingston, near a place called the Wandringes—17 April 1669.

**613.** WILL of Richard Hammond or St. Allhallows, Thames Street, London, cheesemonger.—Devise to his mother Mary Hammond—26 March 1710.

**614.** MORTGAGE.—(1) Wm. Hammond the elder of Kingston, butcher, Deborah his wife, Wm. Hammond the younger of Kingston, butcher; (2) Wm. Biddle of Walton upon Thames, Surrey, mealman. Witnesses—William Charlewood and another—5 December 1727.

## LUMPITT MILLS, WANDSWORTH, SURREY.

**615.** LEASE for 20 years by Wm. Padge of London, citizen and ironmonger, to Henry Dowghtie of parish of St. Olave, Southwark, Surrey, lether dresser.—Two water mills (under one roof) and tenement adjoining in occupation of Richard Cross, miller, called the Lumpitt Mills in Wandsworth—18 May 1596.

**616.** ASSIGNMENT by John Clark to John Bowyar and Wm. Foster—19 November 1600.

**617.** ASSIGNMENT.—(1) John Clark of Wandsworth, gent. (administrator of John Clark late of Saffron Waldron, Essex, decd.), Elizabeth Clark his wife, John Bowyar of Wandsworth, Esquire, Wm. Foster the younger of Crohurst, Surrey, Esqre.; (2) Abraham Crosse of London, Merchant Taylor—6 Octr. 1601.

## CATON REMNELL, WILTS.

**618.** CONVEYANCE.—(1) Wm. Stump, Geo. Fry, Richd. Awbrey, Isaac Light, Thomas Stump; (2) Robert Hill of Coldaston, Gloucester, yeoman, James Hill of Coldaston his brother.—Messuage with lands in Caton Remnell. Witnesses—Wm. Webb, Nicholas Webb, Joshua Hillingham—11 April 1648.

**619.** CONVEYANCE.—Robt. Hill to Jas. Hill—6 June 1665.

## CORSHAM, WILTS.

**620.** LEASE for a year.—(1) John Danvers of Corsham, gent., Dorothy his wife; (2) Arthur Eastmead of Calne, woollen draper.—Ground or Parke (70 acres) called West Parke, Corsham, purchased by John Danvers of George Almery, gent. Witnesses—Cornelius Dyer; John Harman; Tim. Richards—14 Oct. 1674 (26 Chas. II.). [Cf: 194 and 204-6.]

NOTE.—With reference to the above Berkeley Castle Charters, referred to at pp. 3 and 68, and the family of Pont de L'Arche and their connection with St. Saviour's, Southwark—it is not an unreasonable inference that they took that name from having built the first arched bridge of stone over the Thames at that point; unless (as is more than probable) the Romans anticipated them in this, carrying their bridge however in the direct route of Watling Street obliquely across the river, just as they built the little bridge at Wickwar, to this day a standing witness of their craft.

APPENDIX A.  
(cf. p. 7.)

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EXTRACTS FROM THE HISTORY OF 'THE HOUSE OF ARUNDEL,'  
BY JOHN PYM YEATMAN, BARRISTER-AT-LAW.

(Folio, 1882.)

PEDIGREES.

(1.) *Of the Ducal House of Normandy* (p. 70).

Malahulc—was grandson of Jarl of the Uplanders of Norway; uncle of Rollo 1st Duke of Normandy (fl. 876; d. 917); and he accompanied Rollo to the conquest of Normandy in 912.

Malahulc had 3 sons: (1) Richard of St. Sauveur, ancestor of the Viscounts of the Cotentin and of the Albinis, Earls of Arundel; (2) Hugh, Sire of Cavalcamp, ancestor of the families of Toeni and Conches; (3) Rodolph, Count of Bayeux, ancestor of the Earls of Chester, and the father (?) of Bothon, Count of Bessin and Bayeux (nephew of Richard Count of the Cotentin).

Richard of St. Sauveur and Count of the Cotentin and Rollo were thus cousins.

Bothon, his nephew m. Poppa d. of Berenger Count of Bayeux, widow of Rollo.

William King of England was 7th Duke and of the 5th generation after Rollo. [Through his ancestor Jarl of the Uplanders of Norway he was kinsman of Haakon and Olaf and Harold and Sigurd.]

(2.) *Of the Toensi* (p. 72).

Malahulc, called Halduc de Tresny or Toesni (descendants of Thor) father of Richard St. Sauveur had a son, Hugo Sire of Cavalcamp (*see above*).

Hugo had two sons: (1) Hugo, Archbishop of Rouen (942-989) and (2) Ralf Lord of Toesni.

Hugo, the Archbishop, gave Toesni to his brother Ralph.

Roger, son of Ralf, Lord of Toesni and Conches, founded the Abbey of Conches 1035 and 1040 and was Standard Bearer of Normandy; m. Helena, widow of Niel II., Viscount of St. Sauveur.

Ralf de Toesni, son of Roger, Lord of Toeni and Conches, and of Flamstead in England, was Standard Bearer at the Conquest: he m. Isabella d. of Simon de Montfort.

Ralf, brother of Hugo, the Archbishop, was the ancestor of the Lords Lindsey of Scotland, the Earls of Crawford and Balcarres.

(3.) *Of the Viscounts of St. Sauveur* (pp. 80 and 295).

Richard (le Danois) de St. Sauveur, Viscount of the Cotentin (933)—had grant of half of the Isles of La Manche from his cousin Rollo (his brother Ralf or Rodolph receiving the other half); was founder of the Chapel of St. Sauveur le Vicomte in 912.

Niel I. de St. Sauveur, Viscount of the Cotentin—had half the Isles of La Manche.

Roger de St. Sauveur, his son, Viscount of the Cotentin—enlarged the Chapel of St. Sauveur le Vicomte.

Niel II. de St. Sauveur, his son, Viscount of the Cotentin—fl. 998 ; m. Helena (*see* Counts of Evreux); defeated Ethelred (the Unready) at sea in 996; became a monk of St. Michael's Mount, 1040 ; died 1045.

Niel III. de St. Sauveur, his son, Viscount of the Cotentin, 1040—m. Adela, d. of Godfrey, Earl of Eu, and granddaughter of Richard I. Duke of Normandy (p. 106); quarrelled with his kinsman Ranulf, Count of Bayeux, about the Isles of La Manche ; banished in 1045 ; headed the rebellion against William (*see* Freeman's 'Norman Conquest') ; defeated at Val ès Dunes 1047 ; went into exile in the Court of Hen. I. of France ; restored in — ; founded the Monastery of St. Sauveur 1080.

Niel IV. his son—Viscount of the Cotentin—d. 1092.

William Albini—another son of Niel III., settled in Dol, Pincerna of William I., and the father of (1) Roger d' Ivri and (2) Niel Viscount of the Cotentin (of whom later).

Roger (d' Ivri ?)—another son of Niel III., ancestor of the Percivals.

Roger d' Ivri, son of William Albini (*see* above) of St. Sauveur—also Pincerna of William I. m. Adeline (or Amicia ?), d. of Hugh de Grentmesnil and niece of Geoffrey de Montbray (Bishop of Coutances ?) : he had 5 sons (1) William Albini, Pincerna of Henry I., of Belvoir ; at Tinchebrai ; ancestor of the Earls of Arundel, the Dukes of Norfolk and Rutland, and Lord Arundel of Wardour (*see* Pedigree of Mowbray, *post*) ; (2) Robert Justiciar for the Counties of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset i Steph. (?) ; (3) Roger ; (4) Nigel de Albini (Earl of Northumberland ; Bow-bearer to William Rufus; took Duke Robert his prisoner at Tinchebrai ; m. Maud Mowbray, Earl of Northumberland), ancestor of the Lords de Mowbray and Stourton and the Dukes of Norfolk ; (5) Geoffrey, Lord of County of Oxford.

Mauger, brother of Niel III.—m. a sister of Robert Duke of Normandy ; and their daughter Albreda (cousin of William I. of England) m. the Earl of Devon ; and their descendant Margaret was a nun at Laycock co. Wilts *circ.* 1220 (p. 106).

Richard (called Thurston Haldup)—another brother of Niel III. m. Anna ; and their son Eudes, Steward of England, Viscount of the Cotentin 1094, gave the territory of the Albini to St. Martin's at Tour.

Niel, Viscount of the Cotentin—another son of William Albini, Pincerna, and brother of Roger d' Ivri, Pincerna—at the battle of Hastings ; d. 1074 at Cardiff. He had a son Nigel and a grandson Nigel, but of them nothing further is related.

Ralf (or Rodolph)—brother of Richard de St. Sauveur, Count of Bayeux—had the other half of the Isles of La Manche (*see* above) : his son Bothon (*see* above) m. Poppa, widow of Rollo, first Duke of Normandy ; their grandson m. Alice daughter of Richard III. Duke of Normandy ; and their son m. Maud, sister of Duke William ; and, as already mentioned, the Viscounts of Bayeux are the ancestors of the Earls of Chester.

(4.) *Of the House of Mowbray* (p. 295).

Roger Albini (D' Ivri) Pincerna of William I. (*see* above pedigree of Viscounts of St. Sauveur)—m. Amicia (or Adeline) d. of Hugh Grentmesnil, sister of Geoffrey Mowbray, Bishop of Coutances (?). (*See* notes below as to other titles ;—Botiler, Brito, D'Oilli, and Bosco Rohardi) : sided with Duke Robert, while his wife and his sons William Albini and Nigel Albini sided with Hen. I.

William Albini (Brito) their son, Pincerna of Henry I.—m. Ciceley d. of Roger Bigod by Adeliza d. of Robt. Todeni of Belvoir Castle. He was one of Henry's generals at Tinchebrai.

William Albini I. Earl of Arundel, their son—m. Adeliza (lineal descendant and representative of Charlemagne), Queen of Hen. I. and daughter of Jocelain

(Godfrey) of Louvain and Brabant by Sophia d. of the Emperor Hen. IV. He welcomed the Empress Maud to Arundel and played a leading part in the struggle between her and her son Duke Henry on the one side and Stephen on the other. (The first Duke of Brabant, Charles, was the younger son of Louis, King of France, the direct descendant of Charlemayn by Gerberga d. of the Emperor Henry Auceps p. 288.)

William Albini II., Earl of Arundel, their son—m. Maud d. of Jas. St. Hilary.

William Albini III., Earl of Arundel—their son m. Maud d. of W<sup>m</sup>. Warren (*see pedigree of Montgomery below*).

William Albini IV., Earl of Arundel—their son m. Isabella d. and co-heiress of Ranulf, Earl of Chester.

Isabella, their daughter—m. John FitzAlan, Lord of Clun (from whom descended 6 Fitzalans, Earls of Arundel).

Nigel Albini (brother of above William Albini, Pincerna of Hen. I.), Earl of Northumberland—m. (1) Maud wife of Robert Mowbray, Earl of Northumberland; (2) Gundred d. of Gerald de Gournay; and from this second marriage descended the Lords of Mowbray and Stourton and the Dukes of Norfolk. He was Bow-bearer to William Rufus and was one of King Henry's generals at the battle of Tinchebrai, where he took Duke Robert of Normandy his prisoner and was in consequence loaded by Henry with rewards.

(5.) *Of Montgomery* (pp. 8 and 295).

Roger—refounded the Abbey of St. Opportuna 911; accompanied Rollo at Conquest of Normandy 912.

Maud, d. of William de Warren, Earl of Surrey—a descendant (the sister of Isabella, who married Eustice s. of Stephen, who died 1154, and Hameline Plantagenet, son of the Earl of Anjou) m. William Albini III., Earl of Arundel.

(6.) *Of the Counts of Evreux* (p. 74).

Richard, Count of Evroux (grandson of Richd. I., 3rd Duke of Normandy)—m. Helena, widow of Niel II., Viscount de St. Sauveur, and of Roger de Conches (Toesni), the Standard Bearer of Normandy.

(7.) *Of Busli* (pp. 38, 214 and 294).

John, Earl of Eu, great-grandson of Emma, sister of William the Conqueror—m. Alice d. of William Albini I., Earl of Arundel by Queen Adeliza.

Mabel great-grand-daughter of Robert, Earl of Gloucester (son of Hen. I.)—m. William Albini (IV. Earl of Arundel (?).)

p. 108. *Gallia Christiana*, tome ii., Diocese of Coutances—A Niel (IV.) de St. Sauveur died in 1092, and his relative Geoffrey de Mowbray (the Bishop) buried him on the day of the Assumption.

p. 109. Roger Bigod is included (with Montbray Bishop of Coutances) in the list of the 18 Nobles of the Cotentin who served at Senlac under Néel Vicomte de St. Sauveur, Count of the Cotentin and the Isles, and Lord of the Moiety of Guernsey—Roger Bigod, fifth Earl of Norfolk and Hereditary Earl Marshal, who surrendered the Earldom and the Earl Marshalship to King Edward I. (the only instance on record of a King of England receiving a grant of an honour from his own subject) was seventh in descent from the above Roger Bigod of William's time

(cf: p. 298). William Albini II. (Pincerna) married Maud, the daughter of Roger Bigod, receiving numerous manors in Norfolk from Henry I. and Roger Bigod (cf: p. 119).

p. 112. In the list of those who accompanied King William, given in the Gothic folio Edition of the 'Chronicle of Normandy,' are the names Niel the Viscount and Le Boutellier d' Aubigni.

Guilliaume d' Aubigni bore the title of 'Grand Boutellier d' Angleterre' at the crowning of William the Conqueror at Westminster (M. Greville).

The Latin of the word Boutellier is Buticularius, whilst the word Pincerna is certainly Gaelic in origin. . . . It means simply wine-bearer or wine-man.

p. 113. One of the most puzzling problems of Norman genealogy is connected with Eudes the Viscount, who for a time held the Lordship of St. Sauveur.

p. 114. He, Eudes, displaced Walter Giffard as Dapifer in the Court of William I. William levelled a mighty blow at his Steward, Walter Giffard, for placing before him a half cooked crane. The crafty Eudo took the blow himself with good grace and got made Dapifer in Giffard's stead and then proceeded to wed the old Steward's daughter, Rohaise. [They kept their Stewards in order in those days. Such was the service of the antique world. William evidently did not spoil his servants. Giffard may have feared, but 'tis certain he failed not to love that great strong man, massive in limb, in mind, in soul, after his kind without a peer.]

It seems he (Eudes) only held the Estates of St. Sauveur for the King.

In 1089 we know that Roger Albini had forfeited his English estates, and as a matter of course we find him signing, not as Roger Pincerna Regis, but as Rogerus Pincerna de Ivreio (his Norman patrimony) and Nigel de Constantino (no doubt his elder brother) signing after him.

p. 115. M. d' Lisle regards Niel as a surname.

The family of Eudes the Steward continued their close connection in England with the Albini family, as they had been allied with that of St. Sauveur in Normandy: [cf: Berkeley Castle Charter No. 18—Grant from Humphrey de Bohun, King's Constable, to Maurice son of Robert Fitzharding 1175-1180, to which the following (*inter alia*) are witnesses:—Henry de Bohun, Eustace the Chamberlain, William Brito, Eudo de Sancto Salvatore; Ralph Pincerna, Adam son of Nigel and Maurice son of Nigel, nephews of the above Maurice Lord of Berkeley].

p. 116. Charter: Peter de Valoins to Burham Priory.—Witnesses to (*inter alia*) Richard de Spineto, Humphrey Calvo, Gilbert de Spineto (Toesni), Hamon and Richard his brother, and Roger de Salvatore. "It is curious that Roger de St. Sauveur should use the ancient form of his name: it is the only instance known to the author of the name of St. Sauveur being used in England." [But see Berkeley Castle Charter No. 18, above.]

p. 121. The "Black Book" of Coutances gives a long account of Geoffrey de Mowbray, the Bishop. He purchased a vast amount of property. He purchased of Duke William the better half of Coutances with half du terrage des Molins, the land of Grimonville of his brother Mauger, the Church of St. Giles of Cherbourg, and (*inter alia*) great interests in the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey and Sark. Other accounts state William gave him the Island of Jersey, just prior to the invasion, as a retaining fee for his services. Shortly after his election as Bishop he repaired to Italy and there obtained from his "parentes," the Hautvilles, then reigning as Kings and Dukes in the Sicilies, in Calabria and elsewhere, and especially from Robert Guiscard, the greatest of them all, much gold and precious

stones, choice marbles and other treasures, for the embellishment and aggrandisement of the Church of their native country. Probably this journey was made at the same time the Bishop was compelled to appear before the Pope to answer the charge of simony preferred against him. Robert, his brother who purchased the Bishopric for him, may have been Robert Guiscard. Tancred de Hautville appears to have been their father. The "Black Book" affirms that the family of St. Sauveur were akin to the Mowbrays, and that the Bishop buried his relation, Niel de Sauveur, in the Cathedral 1093. Both the St. Sauveur family and the Albinis, who settled in England, were alike benefactors of the Church of Coutances.

p. 143. In the Charters extracted from the Abendon Chartulary are to be found the names of Robert, Roger and Nigil de Albini with Robert, Roger and Nigel de Oilli. In many Charters an Albini and an Oilli are found acting or attesting together; but not 2 Roberts, Rogers or Nigels: and it would therefore seem that the names Oilli and Albini were interchangeable. Roger D'Ivri and Robert D'Oilli came to England as sworn friends and brothers; they shared between them estates given them by the Conqueror; they each had a brother Nigel, and each Nigel had a son Robert. Nigel de Oilli was the chief witness to the Charter of Adelina de Iverio concerning Fancote (2 Hen. I.), and Nigel de Albini was the only witness to the confirmation of the same Charter by Hen. I. [cf: Henry de Oilleio mentioned in Berkeley Castle Charter No. 5: and for further particulars of the D'Oilly family see the account of Oxford Castle in Wood's City of Oxford (Oxf. Hist. Soc. Vol. xv. 1889) and the extracts therefrom at the end of this Appendix].

It is suggested that the name D'Oilli may be a corruption of Dol, one of the Lordships of the Albini family: and there are several places of the name of Ouilli in Normandy, assumed to be the origin of the name D'Oilli.

p. 145. Adeline, wife of Roger d'Ivri, gave the mill at Islip to the Monks of Bec, where it is presumed she was buried.

p. 165. The researches at Belvoir Castle lead to the conclusion that the two families of Arundel and of Belvoir were identical, and that they belong to the house of St. Sauveur, the chiefest and noblest house amongst the great nobility of Normandy, and the true heirs to the Ducal throne in priority of William.

p. 173. In all probability the mother or grandmother of William and Nigel Albini of Tinchbrai was the sister of Geoffrey, Bishop of Coutances. The Bishop held very large possessions in Devonshire and Somerset, and among his chief tenants were William, Nigel and Roger [cf: Geoffrey Custance witness to grant to Monks of Kingswood. Berk. Castle Charter No. 209; and Geoffrey de Coustance witness to grant to Kingswood Abbey—B. C. Charter 408].

p. 177. Hugh, the ancestor of Roger de Courcill, was in all probability the brother of Roger d' Ivri.

In the Belvoir Records we have proof that a Simon de Bosco Rohardi, who called himself Borard, held Stathern, Co. Leicester, Clifton in Bucks, and Oakley, in Bedfordshire. Probably he was a nephew of William Botteril of Molland.

Clifton was held of Roger de Todeni at Domesday by William de Bosrohard.

p. 184. Among the Belvoir benefactors we find William de Bosrohard and Simon de Borard with Margeria, his wife, and Simon, Richard and Richard, probably his successors, their gifts in Talington and Stathern entitling them to a place of honour amongst those for whose souls the pious Monks of Belvoir felt it their duty to pray. [And it appears elsewhere that the above William Borard and

his brother are recorded in Domesday Book as holding lands at Clifton, Bucks, under Robert de Todeni, afterwards called Albini, Lord of Belvoir, and a follower of William, to whom William made extensive grants.]

p. 186. The first instance of the name Brito (which is Breton or Bret) is to be found in Domesday for Huntingdonshire, where William Albini is called simply William Brito, he then being entered as holding lands of the Countess Rohaise, who afterwards married William Albini's Cousin—Eudes, the Viscount.

p. 191. The manors of Stackthorne and Talington appear to have descended to Simon de Bosco Rohardi, who changed his name to Borard.

p. 291. Because the family (Albinis of Arundel) died out in the first line it must not be concluded that it became extinct; and, though we have no account of the settlement of the younger sons of the house, except those of Lanherne, in all probability many families in the West of England, bearing the surnames of their residences, are of this house. [It may be that the Neales of Berkeley and Yate are the only branch of their family who have retained their ancient family name, and can also trace back their chequered history through St. Sauveur on the Ouve to their old home on the indentured coasts of Norway.]

The Albinis, Earls of Arundel, bore gules, a lion rampant or; and the House of Mowbray, as well as that of the Earls of Chester, bore gules, a lion rampant argent—obviously the same arms, only differenced for their several houses.

p. 294. There were several Nigel Albinis about the time of the Conquest, and the name of Nigel was undoubtedly used by the family as a kind of Surname; the St. Sauveur family were all Nigels of the Cotentin, whilst some of them were certainly known by other names.

p. 297. Hamo Belers, Lord of Kettleby, in 1160 is said to have been a brother of Roger de Mowbray; the name is sometimes spelt Bellers or Bollers, a name much like that of the Lord of Montgomery, which they have derived from their ancestor, Roger Pincerna D'Ivri (taking Bollers to be identical with Botiler)—cf: Berkeley Castle Charters 40, 123, 128 and 142.

p. 345. Through the family of Albini the Dukes of Norfolk represent the legitimate line of the ancient Dukes of Normandy.

p. 346. Arms borne—by the Dukes of Normandy, Albini, Earl of Arundel, and Albini, Lord of Belvoir—Gules. A Lion Rampant Guardant Or;—by Mowbray, Earls of Northumberland—Gules. A Lion Rampant;—by Pomeroy of Beri and Churchill (Courcel)—Argent. A Lion Rampant—(Gules was the colour sacred in those days to Royal families, p. 351).

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EXTRACTS FROM WOOD'S CITY OF OXFORD (OXF. HIST. SOC.  
VOL. XV. 1889).

p. 265. The Castle—The Chronicles of Osney tell us that it was built by Robert D'oilly, the first of that name in England, anno 1071.

p. 270. And first to begin with the founder Robert D'oilly, one of those who came with William the Conqueror out of Norway. Who being one of the chief warriours in the conquest of this nation, had (for his great service done therein) given to him the baronyes of D'oilly and of St. Walery—the last of which he gave afterwards to Roger de Ivery, his sworne brother.

He it seems was a man so potent with the Conqueror that nothing of Councill or action passed but he had a finger in it, and not only had all the greatest preferments

bestowed upon him but whatsoever almost he desired of the lands of the Saxons overcome in those parts.

p. 271. At last his heart being mollified he became a builder of churches and helper of the poore—witness the Church of St. Georg within this Castle and sevral places in Oxon, as also Abingdon Abbey. For which place having had always a great respect was in the Chapter House there on the North side, in the month of September, with great solemnity buried.

What brethren he had were Nigellus (commonly Neale) and Gilbert his younger brother. Neale, as Holinshed reports, was Constable of England, 1 Henry I. (1100), about the time when his brother Robert deceased. He had a son named Robert (Robert D'oilly Secundus). The King (Hen. I.) gave Edith (the mother of Robert, Earl of Gloucester) to this Robert D'oilly the Second, with the manour of Cleydon in this County.

p. 272. This Robert D'oilly the Second founded the Abbey of Osney [whence came the famous bell, 'Great Tom']; repaired Oxford Castle; and was benefactor to Einstham Abbey and divers other places, which if I should enumerate would prove wonderfull to the reader. This was that Robert also that, while he had his habitation at this place, received Empresse Maud therein, 1139, and delivered it wholy into her owne hands. [The foundation Charter (confirmed by Henry I. and the Bishop of Lincoln) and his additional grants (witnessed by great Theobald and even greater Thurstan—Archbishops of Canterbury and York—the Bishops of Lincoln, Worcester and Hereford, and his two sons, Henry and Gilbert) attest the more than princely liberality of this Robert D'Oilly. On the dissolution of monasteries the Abbey was converted into a see and the church into a cathedral; and 4 years later the cathedral was pulled down and the see translated to St. Frideswide's—(cf: Vol. xvii. (1890) pp. 188-224).]

pp. 277/8. Pedigrees of the D'oilly family, commencing with Nigellus de olleio (Normannus) the father of Robertus d' Olleio (fundator Castri Oxon) and Nigellus de olleio, father of Robertus de oily (fundator Osney) the husband of Edith Forne (mother of Robert, Earl of Gloucester, *filius regis*).

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The University and City of Oxford of to-day forget what they owe to the sworn brothers, Roger and Robert, and to the Castle of Oxford. These men were destined to be great instruments in the foundation of an empire the most powerful in Europe, stretching from the Cheviots and Lowlands of Scotland to the Pyrenees and Highlands of Spain. Oxford in those days was a place of extreme strategical importance and in various ways the most important centre of England. As learning and trade and much else that is good ever follow the standard and sign of power, so Oxford in the nature of things became a Capital City and the Seat of Parliaments and famous almost as imperial Thebes, Athens or Rome; and Bishops and royal chaplains thought it honour to found there vigorous institutions, among the most cherished possessions of the race to-day, thereby earning imperishable fame for themselves.

Reverting to the foregoing statement that Geoffrey de Mowbray, Bishop of Coutances, was a brother of Robert Guiscard and a son of Tancred de Hauteville, it is interesting to note what Professor E. A. Freeman writes in his History of Sicily (Vol. I. p. 34). Speaking of the Hautvilles, Counts and Dukes of Sicily and Apulia and kinsmen of the Bishop of Coutances, he says:—"The land which sent forth the conquerors of Apulia and Sicily sent forth also the conquerors of

"England. And if in England the Prince of the Norman Duchy could win himself a "royal crown, in Sicily the house of a simple Norman gentleman could rise to higher "honours still. The sons of Tancred of Hautville grew into Counts, Dukes, Kings "and Emperors. Their royal crown indeed they held of an Ecclesiastical superior; "but their very homage made them mightier. The Vassals of the Holy See were "its hereditary Legates. Rulers alike of Church and State, they grasped both the "swords which in other lands were held in separate, often in hostile, hands. Under "her Norman Kings Sicily was the wonder and envy of the world. Reigning at the "meeting point of East and West, they had at their call all that was most precious "in East and West in the age when East and West had geographically changed "places. Constantinople and Cordova had found a third rival City where the lord "of Palermo could command the skill alike of Greek and Saracen together."

The establishment of the Normans in Naples and Sicily is a romantic story. They arrived in Italy about 1016 in the guise of pilgrims and quickly demonstrated their prowess. The princes of Capua, Beneventum, Salerno and Naples shortly appealed to them for aid in their quarrels: and in 1029 they were firmly settled in the fortress of Avena, eight miles from Capua.

In 1053 Robert Guiscard defeated Pope Leo IX. at Beneventum; and thereupon the Pope ratified the past and future conquests of the Normans, and thereafter the Kingdom of Naples remained above 700 years a fief of the Holy See.

Robert Guiscard was the sixth son of Tancred de Hautville in the Contentin, in the Diocese of Coutances, and crossed the Alps also as a pilgrim to join his elder brothers William, Drogo and Humphrey, who had passed over before into Apulia and Calabria. In 1060 he styled himself 'Duke of Apulia, Calabria and hereafter of Sicily': and his Italian conquests corresponded with the limits of the Kingdom of Naples.

In 1081 Robert won the hard fought battle of Durazzo against the Emperor of the East, advanced into the heart of Epirus, crossed the mountains of Thessaly, and threatened Constantinople. In 1084 he returned to the aid of Gregory VII. against Henry IV., King of Germany and Italy (the future Emperor of the West), and rescued Rome from the anti-Pope Clement III.; and thus, to quote Gibbon, in less than 3 years the son of Tancred de Hautville enjoyed the glory of delivering the Pope, and of compelling the two Emperors of the East and West to fly before his victorious arms.

In Robert's second expedition into Greece after 3 engagements by sea he obtained a final and complete victory over the combined fleets of the Greeks and Venetians. The following year he started on the conquest of Constantinople, but death put an end to his ambitions and his body was laid in the Abbey Church of Santa Trinita at Venusia, illustrious as the birthplace of Horace.

Robert's brother Roger, the twelfth and last of the sons of Tancred, completed his conquest of Sicily in 1090, and obtained the title of Great Count: under his liberal and sagacious rule the Moslems were retained by him in the free enjoyment of their religion and property: and the princes of Sicily were thereupon declared by the Pope hereditary and perpetual legates of the Holy See. In the Royal City of Palermo Count 'Ruggero' still lives in the thoughts and hearts of the Sicilians, and is worshipped by them as a hero of undying fame.

This Count Roger is stated to have married Eremberga de Grentmesnil, sister of the Prior of Evroult in Normandy; and this with other alliances of the Hautvilles and the Grentmesnls serve, among so many other things, to shew the close relationship, or rather the identity, of the families which at one and the same time started from the two opposite shores of the Continent and set themselves to conquer and settle the two great and famous islands of the seas.

Robert Guiscard, Count of Sicily, elder brother of Count Roger, is also said to have married Judith Grentmesnil, afterwards called Eremberga, which gives rise to some confusion. In the next generation William Grentmesnil married Mabel, daughter of Robert Guiscard; and Roger d'Ivri (Evroux)—grandson of Niel III. de St. Sauveur, and Pincerna of William in succession to his father William Albini—married Adeline de Grentmesnil, sister of the above William and niece of Geoffrey de Montbray. William Albini, the Pincerna of Henry I., was the issue of the marriage of this Roger d'Ivri and Adeline; and from him are descended the Dukes of Norfolk and Rutland.

Roger II., son of the great Count, became Duke of Apulia upon the failure of Robert Guiscard's male line in 1127; and after the reduction of Capua and Naples he possessed the sole inheritance of the Norman conquests, and in 1130 was crowned King of Sicily by the Pope at Palermo. Lothaire II. of Germany, Innocent II. and St. Bernard united against him; but Roger prevailed, Innocent became his captive and St. Bernard was reconciled and sang his praises. Later on he attacked the Saracens, captured Malta and reduced Tunis; and in 1146 he also captured Corfu, Athens, Thebes and Corinth, delivered Louis VII. of France from his captivity in the hands of the Greeks, and threatened Constantinople with his galleys under his famous admiral George. His daughter Constance married Henry VI., son of Frederick Barbarossa, and this Henry was eventually crowned (with Constance) King of the Sicilies; and it is interesting to note that at about the same time as the Norman Constance of Sicily married Henry VI., son of the Emperor Barbarossa, her kinsman, William Albini I. Earl of Arundel, married Queen Adeliza, the granddaughter of the Emperor Henry IV. and step-mother of Matilda, the wife of the Emperor Henry V. and mother of Henry Plantagenet, the friend of Fitzhardinge. At this period and onwards the families of the rulers of England and of Sicily maintained relations of great intimacy. For example, we find Peter of Blois the tutor both of Henry II. of England and of William the Good, King of Sicily, the builder of the glorious Cathedral of Monreale. Later on this William married Johanna, daughter of Henry II. In the next reign Richard Cœur de Lion sought the hand of King Tancred's daughter in marriage for his heir, Arthur of Bretagne: and again later on Isabella, sister of Henry III. and of Richard Duke of Cornwall, married the very distinguished and famous Emperor Frederick II., founder of the Universities of Naples and Padua.

The mention of St. Bernard brings us into touch with a distinguished Head of the celebrated and very splendid Abbey of Cluny, then in the zenith of its power and vast almost as St. Peter's; whence the ambitious Hildebrand in earlier days had gone forth to proclaim and enforce the Church's independence of all temporal sovereigns and civil dominion, and in the end died a sad exile at Salerno under the pitying and protecting shield of Guiscard: also with the intellectual Abelard, who with the golden torch of his brilliant genius set on fire the University of Paris and placed it at once on a pinnacle of fame. .

The following notable places in Italy are also associated with the names of the above Robert or Roger or both:—Melfi, with its old Norman Castle, where in 1059 Pope Nicholas II. invested Robert Guiscard with the Duchies of Apulia and Calabria: Brindisi, with its Norman Church of San Benedetto: Tarentum, captured by Robert and bestowed on his son Boemund in 1063: Salerno, with the Cathedral of St. Matthew, built by Robert in 1070, where also the Normans founded and encouraged the greatest medical school of that age in Europe: Amalfi: Bari (captured by Robert in 1071) with its Cathedral of San Nicola, consecrated by Urban II. in 1089 and finished by King Roger in 1139 (where is kept the iron crown with which King Roger, his son-in-law and daughter, the Emperor Henry VI. and the sweet and gentle Constance, who loathed the hideous cruelty of the German son of Barbarossa, Manfred and Ferdinand the Just of Aragon and Castile, were all crowned): Venusia, with its Abbey Church of Santa Trinita, founded by Robert and containing the tombs of himself and his first wife Alberada: and Ravello, with its fine palace Rufolo, where Count Roger lived and Boccaccio visited.

In Sicily also amid the majestic ruins of Greece and Rome the following places are associated with the great Count and his son, King Roger:—Catania, with its Cathedral, commenced by Count Roger in 1091, and containing many interesting royal Sarcophagi: Palermo, with the Cappella Palatina in the Arabic-Norman style, dedicated to St. Peter, built by King Roger, noted for its marvellous glass mosaics and its archives, and considered by some the most beautiful palace chapel in the world: also the Norman church of St. John of the Eremites: the grand Norman Cathedral of the Assunta, containing the tombs of the Kings and the Emperors, and built by the Englishman, Walter of the Mill: and (without the City) the Cathedral of Monreale with its 12th century bronze doors by Bonannus, the Pisan, and Barisano and its vast mosaics, and containing the tombs of King William the Bad and King William the Good: Cefalu with its grand Cathedral founded by King Roger: and Messina, with its Cathedral, founded by Count Roger, the most beautiful and romantic of all. What a sight to have seen Coeur de Lion there with his crusading host, mailed sons of Anak, amid the antique columns and the stately services of Santa Maria Nuova, bending their stubborn knees in simple faith and owning fealty (King and commoner alike) to their acknowledged Overlord, who cared for, while he chastened, those marvellous and wayward works of his hand.

Reverting to what has been previously said as to the Abingdon Chartulary and the mention therein of Robert, Roger and Nigel de Albini and of Robert Roger and Nigel de Oilli, it is significant and most interesting to see how tenaciously the various branches of the family in Normandy, Sicily and England clung from generation to generation to the names Robert and Roger. By these names Oxford became linked with Rome, Naples and Palermo in the times when the proud, strong and masterful Normans ruled England, Italy and even the Pontiff himself, owning obedience to Christ alone, threw down the gauntlet to the Emperors of the East and West, dared to enter the Dardanelles, defiantly rode the Golden Horn in their galleys and battered the walls of Byzantium. At the same time also Bristol, Berkeley and the County of Gloucester became closely associated with Salerno, Amalfi and Venusia under the stern governments of the brothers Robert Guiscard and Geoffrey of Coutances.

In connection with the name Roger, it is clear that Roger de Berkeley, whom Robert Fitzharding displaced in the Barony of Berkeley, and who is known

to have been nearly related to Robert of Gloucester, son of Henry I., was a Norman of high rank ; and it is in a high degree probable that he was closely related to Robert, Roger and Nigel de Albini (or de Oilli), whose connection with Oxford has been shewn above. Bearing on this point it is also very noticeable that he was the third out of five recorded bearers of the name Roger in succession in his family, and that before the marriage of his son Roger IV. to Elena Fitzhardinge a Nigel had already married the other sister Aldena. It is indeed reasonable to suppose that this Nigel was in no slight degree instrumental in bringing about the final concord and the alliance of the two families.

During Stephen's reign (1135-1154) Oxford, Gloucester, Bristol, and Winchester became the Empress Matilda's Quadrilateral, from which she carried on her conflict with King Stephen in order to restore the crown to her son Henry ; and upon the intervening space, as on a chess board, living combatants waged their death struggle for final victory ; and King and Queen, castle, bishop, knight and pawn played their several parts in stern and terrible earnest ; while in the forefront is ever seen the figure of that true knight, Robert Earl of Gloucester, Matilda's half brother, patron of the famous historian, William of Malmesbury, who remained to his life's end her stoutest and most unflinching champion.

Arundel was too much in the centre of Stephen's chief supporters in and around London and Kent : and so in 1139 the Empress had to hastily quit the temporary shelter afforded her by her stepmother, Queen Adeliza, and William de Albini at Arundel, and take up her quarters in Bishop Geoffrey's Castle of Bristol, where the Earl of Gloucester was supreme and the just cause of herself and her son had the whole-hearted support of Robert Fitzhardinge and the men of those parts. In 1139 also the Empress Maud took refuge in D'oilly's Castle at Oxford with Edith Forne, the mother of her half-brother the Earl of Gloucester. Robert D'oilly, Edith's husband (one other of the Nigelli de Albini, Englishmen by adoption of the country of the white cliffs), delivered the castle wholly into the Empress' own hands, and there she endured the memorable siege from which she escaped to Abingdon and Wallingford, where also her cause had trusty allies. In 1141 she is at Winchester, still fighting on, now with the support of Stephen's own brother, the fickle prelate Henry of Blois ; whence again she has to retreat to friendly Gloucester with the loss of her greatest General and mainstay, the stout Earl. Stephen at this juncture languished a captive in chains at Bristol : the previous year the Abbey of St. Augustine had been founded there : but Fitzhardinge's Castle at Berkeley had as yet no existence.

One clearly perceives from this narrative how the Nigels d'Albini were drawn into close contact and alliance with the family of Fitzhardinge before the date of the foundation of Fitzhardinge's family in the Vale of Berkeley ; and how they jointly supported the Empress Maud and her son and legitimacy and the just cause, which ultimately prevailed, though the stoutest defender of it lived not to see and enjoy the fruits of his labours, his life, his devotion and faith. For the brave Earl was laid to rest in Fitzhardinge's new Abbey at Bristol 7 years only after its foundation. The Empress Maud lies at the Abbey of Bec ; and Henry II. and his wife lie at Fontevrault.

Wallingford has been prominent at many crises in English history. It was by way of Wallingford that Duke William—the born tactician and strategist, who well knew all the merits of a wide turning movement, in war no less than in

diplomacy, who never slothfully and shamefully left anything to chance or the interposition of Providence or some undeserved miracle, ever ready to strike when threatened or to take others off their guard if occasion should require—after the struggle at Hastings and the capture of Dover made his move upon London, promptly reduced it to submission and took the Crown.

Of Queen Adeliza it is very interesting to note that at some time after King Henry, her first husband, had been laid to rest in the Abbey of Reading, she granted to that Abbey the Church of Berkeley-Harness with suitable endowments to pray for the soul of King Henry and Duke Godfrey, her father: and also for the health of her present Lord, William, Earl of Chichester, and for her own health and the health of her children: thus showing that before the settlement of Fitzhardinge at Berkeley the family of the Nigelli were already associated with that town through William de Albini's wife as well as no doubt in other ways also. Queen Adeliza died in 1151 at the age of 48. In 1153 her husband, William de Albini of the Strong Arm (of whom the myth went he plucked a lion's tongue from his throat) composed the quarrel between Stephen and the Empress Maud at Wallingford, the prelude to Duke Henry's grant to Fitzhardinge of that year. William de Albini did not long survive; and that great Knight was laid to rest with his father, the Pincerna, in the Abbey of Wymondham in Norfolk.

It would seem from the statement that Roger de Berkeley was one of five successive heads of his house of that name, from the eminent position of the family as the founders of the Priory of Stanley St. Leonards and of Kingswood Abbey, from the fact that Roger de Berkeley was nearly related to Earl Robert of Gloucester and Milo, Earl of Hereford, two of Matilda's chief supporters, as well as from the name Roger itself, that this family also were very closely related in blood to the Roberts and Rogers of Oxford Castle (cf: pp. 153 and 155 above); and also that Alice who contracted in 1153 to marry Maurice, son of Robert Fitzhardinge, and Roger, who contracted at the same time to marry Fitzhardinge's daughter Elena, were therefore both of them of the family of the Nigelli, as also was the husband of Aldena, the other daughter of Robert Fitzhardinge. If this supposition is correct, then it follows that the family of the Neales of Berkeley were settled there some three generations before the arrival of Fitzhardinge: and it is even highly probable that William de Albini who composed the quarrel between Stephen and the Empress Maud also promoted the double alliance between his kinsmen of Berkeley and the Fitzhardinges of Bristol in the furtherance of peace and concord.

It would appear from the account of Smyth, to be found in the Introduction to Jeayes' Berkeley Castle Charters, as well as by the admission of Robert Fitzhardinge himself, that the new master of Berkeley and of the new Castle was anything but a 'persona grata' there at first, and that things were made so intolerable for him that he begged of Duke Henry to be released from his grant. The men of Berkeley of those days were conservative and evidently thought the old was better. They were no doubt for the most part the old retainers of Roger de Berkeley and the descendants of the retainers and countrymen of Roger's ancestors when he, some three generations earlier, settled in those parts: and it is probable Roger's men could only be reconciled to Fitzhardinge by his allying himself to Roger, so that the family of Roger should still be represented in the descendants of that alliance.

The many things recorded of Berkeley in these early days point to the conclusion, not easily realized now, that it was then one of the most important strategical points in the Kingdom.

APPENDIX B.  
(cf. pp. 11, 12 and 13.)

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WILL OF THOMAS NEALE THE ELDER OF YATE (1584).

IN THE NAME OF GOD Amen the vy<sup>th</sup> daye of July Anno Dni 1584 and in the five and twentithe yere of the Raigne of our Sovraigne Lady Elizabethe by the Grace of God Quene of England Ffrance & Ireland defendor<sup>r</sup> of the faithe &c.

I THOMS NEALE theld<sup>r</sup> of Yate in the Count of Glouc<sup>r</sup> Yeoman beinge sicke in bodie but hoole in mynd and of good & pfecte remembrance thanks be geven to God do make & ordaine this my pfete testament concerninge herein *herin* my last Will in man<sup>r</sup> & forme followinge viz **First** I comitt my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creat<sup>r</sup> trustinge onlie in his mercy to be saved by the meryts & deathe of his deare Sonne Jesu Christe my alone sufficiente Savior & redemer And my bodie to be buryed in Christiane buryall **Item** I geve & bequeethe unto Thoms Neale my Sonne all the waynescote glasse table bords binches formes portalls standinge bedsteeds and all other the bedsteeds nowe standinge & beinge in & about my dwellinge howse and also two shelfs standinge & beinge in the Chamber that the sayd Thoms my sonne now useth to lye in **Item** I give and bequeethe unto Willm Neale youngs<sup>t</sup> sonne of Willm Neale theld<sup>r</sup> my sonn one Yoke of Oxene to be delyvred unto hym imediately after the decease of Elizabethe my wifie by my said wifie **Item** I give and bequeethe unto Thoms Marten the Yongs<sup>t</sup> sonne of Edythe my daughter one Yoke of Oxene to be delyvred unto hym imediately after the decease of the sayd Elizabethe my wifie by my said wifie **Item** I give and bequeethe unto Willm Neale Richard Neale Arthure Neale Francis Neale Jane Neale and Ursula Neale the Childrene of the sayd Willm Neale my sonne & to evry of them tenn pounds of good currant monney of England to be payd unto them & evry of them when they shall accomplishe & come to the servall ages of xxj<sup>o</sup> years pvided always & my Will & mynd is that if it happe any of the sayd Willm Richard Arthure Francis Jane or Ursula Neale Childrene of my sayd sonne Willm Neale to dept<sup>e</sup> this pnte life at any tyme or tymes before they shall accomplishe theire servall ages of xxj<sup>ii</sup> yeres that then his pte or her pte so deceasinge to remaine to other of them survivinge by equal porsons **Item** I geve & bequeethe unto Elizabethe the daughter of my late Sonne in lawe Thoms Marten tenn pounds in monney to be payd unto her at suche tyme as Robt Gryffyn her now husband shall purchase and take to himselfe and to the sayd Elizabethe by good assurance in the law an estate for terme of their lyves of & in one messuage or tente w<sup>t</sup> all lands & thappences to the same belonginge sit & lyinge in Crommall in the Cou<sup>r</sup> affors<sup>d</sup> nowe in the tenure of the sayd Robt Gryffyn **Item** I gyge and bequeethe unto Thoms Margarett & Susan Marten the Children of the sayd Thoms Marten my sonne in lawe deceased and to any of them Thirtene pounds sixe shillings eight pence of good English monney to be payd unto them when they & any of them shall accomplish & come to their servall ages of xxj<sup>ii</sup> yeres pvided always & my Will & mynde is that if it happe any of the sayd Thoms Margarett or Susan Marten to dept<sup>e</sup> this pnte liefe at any tyme or tymes before they shall accomplishe their servall age of xxj<sup>ii</sup> yeres or if the sayd Robt Griffine doe not purchase the sayd messuage w<sup>t</sup> thappurtenances unto

the sayd Elizabethe for terme of her liefe that then his pte or her pte so deceasinge & the sayd pte appointed to the sayd Elizabethe shall remayne tothother of the the sayd Thoms Margarett & Susan Marten surviving by even & equal portions **3tm** I geve & bequethe unto Elizabethe Neale daughter of my sayd Son Thoms Neale ten pounds five pounds thereof to be paide unto her by my sayd wiffe Elizabethe & thother five pounds by my executors hereafter named when she shall accomplishe to her full age of xxj<sup>ii</sup> yeres **3tm** I geve & bequethe unto Alexander Neale & John Neale children also of the sayd Thoms Neale & to other of the servall soms of three pounds five shillings eighte pence in monney to be payde unto them & either of them whe<sup>n</sup> they shall accomplishe their servall ages of xxj<sup>ii</sup> yeres **3tm** I geve & bequethe unto Margarett Neale the daughter of my Sonne Henri Neale deceased iij<sup>ii</sup> vij<sup>a</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> **3tm** I geve & bequethe unto Thoms Neale Willm Neale Richard Neale George Neale & Samuel Neale sonns of Thoms Neale my sonne & to any of them the some of Ten pounds of good Englishe monney to be payd unto them & any of them when they shall accomplishe their servall age of xxj<sup>ii</sup> yeres pvided alwayes & my will & mynde is that if it happs any of the sayd Thoms Willm Richard George or Samuel Neale children of my sayde sonne Thoms Neale to depte this liefe at any tyme or tymes before they shall accomplishe their servall age of xxj<sup>ii</sup> yeres that th<sup>a</sup> his pte so deceasinge shall remayne to thother of the then survivinge by even & equall porsons **3tm** I give & bequethe unto Willm Neale my sonne Ten pounds in monney **3tm** I geve & bequethe unto John Meynall a duvat of Hungerie x<sup>a</sup> **3tm** I geve & bequethe unto Elizabethe my wiffe the some of Fforty pounds of good Englishe monney to be payd unto my sayd wiffe imediately after my decease by Alexander Neale my Executor hereafter named also I geve & bequethe unto the sayd Elizabethe my wiffe all my goods moveable & unmoveable not before given to Thoms my Sonne standing & beinge in and about any pte or pcell of my dwellinghouse & outhouses adjoynige also I give & bequethe unto the sayd Elizabethe my wife conditionally she paye unto the fyve Children of my sayd sonne Thoms Neale the fifty pounds before by me given to them at the servall ages aforesaid and to Willm Neale my sonne ten pounds & x<sup>l</sup> to Elizabethe Griffine & x<sup>l</sup> to Elizabethe Neale daughter of my sayd sonne Thoms Neale in mann<sup>r</sup> & forme as is aforesaid set downe in this my last Will to them & any of them all suche somes of monney duties stocke & demands whatsoever w<sup>th</sup> the sayd Thoms Neale my sonne by any kinde of waye & means to me dothe owe **3tm** I geve grant and devise unto Alexander Neale my sonne all my lands tents & heredymnts wch I hold in fee simple seytuate lieing & beinge within the servall Lordships of Wickwar & Barkley or elsewhere To have hold & to enoye all the aforesyde lands tents & heredymnts unto the sayd Alexander Neale my sonne his heyres & assigns for ev<sup>r</sup> condiconallie that he the sayd Alexander & his heyres do (as well) pmit & suffer the sayd Elizabethe my wife peaceable & quately to have hold & enioy certain grounds and Closes & tents w<sup>th</sup> appenances lyeing in Wickewarr aforesayd called & knownen by the name of Fryren Closes now in the tenure of me the sayd Thoms or of my assignes for & dureing thole ends of the naturall liefe of the same Elizabethe payinge yearly to the Chefe Lord thereof x<sup>ls</sup> & to the sayd Alexander & his heyres v<sup>d</sup> at the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell as also doe & shall win one halfe yere nexte after my decease make seale & delyver unto the sayd Thoms Neale my sonne Thoms and Will<sup>m</sup> his sonns by good assurance to be devised by Consell lerned in the lawes one good Indenture of lease of all the aforesayd Closes

called Ffryren closes with thappences (the houses there beinge and the kepinge of foure kine onely excepted) To have hold & to enjoy the same Closes w<sup>th</sup> thappennes (except before excepted) unto the sayd Thoms Neale my sonne Thoms & Willm his sonns & to any of them & their assignes for & duringe thold end of their lyves and the liefe of the longest lyver of the<sup>s</sup> for & imediately after the decease of the sayd Elizabethe my wiffe the same Thoms Neale Thoms & Willm his sonns payinge therefore yerelie to the sayd Alexander & his heires x<sup>l</sup> at iiiij<sup>on</sup> feasts moste usuall or wt<sup>th</sup> one monethe nexte after any of the sayd feasts beinge lawfully demanded w<sup>th</sup> a clause of warrantise in the same lease to be made by the sayd Alexander & his heyres of the pemyss unto the leases against all people And to Willm Neale my sonne Arthure & Ffrances his sonns one good lease in conson of one tente with the appenties now in the tenure of Willm Barnard lyeinge win the pishe of Wickewarr aforesayd To have & to hold the same tente w<sup>th</sup> appenties unto the sayd Willm Neale my sonne Arthure and Ffrances his sonnes from & imediately after one lease for certaine yeres granted to the sayd Willm Barnard for & duringe thold tym of their naturall lyves for the yerely rent of xiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> payable as aforesayd in the like warrantise as aforesayd The residue of all my goods moveable & unmoveable my debts & legases payd & my funerall expences performed & done I wholy give & bequeathe unto the sayd Alexander Neale my sonn whom I make & ordain my sole executor of this my last Will & testament and thconcern<sup>s</sup> thereof **3 make & ordaine** Willm Neale gent Thoms Neale & Willm Neale my sonns my ovseers & I give the sayd Willm Neale for his paynes taken in that behalfe xx<sup>s</sup> And to the sayd Thoms & Willm my sonns x<sup>s</sup> ayere And I utterlie revoke & disannull all & any other form<sup>r</sup> Will legsaie devise or bequest at any tyme or tymes heretofore by me named willed or bequethed and this onlie to stand for my last Will and testament

IN WITNESSE whereof to this my pnte last Will and testament I the sayd Thoms Neale thereto have put my hand & seale the daye & yere first win written.

#### WILL OF ALEXANDER NEALE OF YATE (1591).

In the name of God Amen The xvij<sup>th</sup> day of July in the xxxij<sup>th</sup> yere of the raigne of Soverigne Lady Elizabeth by y<sup>e</sup> grace of God Queene of England france & Ireland defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith &c. & in y<sup>e</sup> yere of Lord God on thousand five hundred, nynety on. I Alexand<sup>r</sup> Neale of Yate in y<sup>e</sup> County of Glouc<sup>r</sup>. gent<sup>a</sup>. being of whole mynde & in good & pfct remembrance thanks be given unto Almighty God make & ordaine this my p<sup>te</sup>. Testament conteyng herein my last Will in manner & forme followinge, that is to saye **First** I comed my soule unto Almighty God my maker and redemer, in whom & through whom I trust only to be saved for Jesus Christe sake who hath bought me with his precius blood by y<sup>t</sup> on oblacon sufficiently offered up upon the crosse for my synes & for all them that unfeynedly beleve in him & am full assured of a joyefull resurrection through his divyne power unto evlasting lyffe. **3tm** I bequeath my body to be buried in y<sup>e</sup> p'ish Church of Yate nere unto my ffather & Mother deceased. **3tm** I give & bequeath to my sonne Thomas all my lands tene<sup>mrs</sup> & heredytmnts with thapptenances situate lying & beinge in Wickwar paysh by the name of the Grange & the or by eny o<sup>r</sup> name or names whatsoever called

ffryin Closes w<sup>b</sup> all the rentes reversons & servises of the same to have and to holde unto him the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas & to his heyres males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten and for default of such issue then to the heires males of my body lawfully begotten & to be begotten and for default of such issue then to my right heyres for evmore. **3<sup>m</sup>** I give & bequeath to Christopher my Sonne all my lands tenements & heredynents w<sup>th</sup> thappences sct<sup>e</sup> lying and beinge in Cromhall called by the name of Cromhall Mylls or by any other name or names wyhtsoever with all the rents revisions & servises of the same To have & to holde unto him the s<sup>d</sup> Chfer & to his heyres males of his body lawfully begotten & to be begotten and for default of such issue then to the heires males of my body lawfully begotten and to be begotten and for default of such issue then to my right heyres for evmore **3<sup>m</sup>** my Will is that in cosyderacon of my lands in Hawkesbury assured to my Sonne Henry that my s<sup>d</sup> Sonne Henry shall pay unto my Sonne Chfer. 100<sup>l</sup> of lawfull money of England within on yere after my deceasse. **3<sup>m</sup>** my Will is that in cosyderacon of my man<sup>r</sup> of Westonbirt assured to my Sonne Samuell that my s<sup>d</sup> Sonne Samuell shall pay 200<sup>l</sup> of lawfull money of England in mannr. & form followinge that is to saye To my Sonne Thomas 20<sup>l</sup> wthin three months after my deceasse To my Sonne Robert 60<sup>l</sup> wthin three months after my decease To my Sonne Christopher 50<sup>l</sup>. wthin two yeres after my decease The Residue of the s<sup>d</sup> 200<sup>l</sup> my Will is shall be payd unto mynde Exer hereafter mentioned on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangell in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God 1592 next ensuing the date hereof **3<sup>m</sup>** I give to the poore people of y<sup>e</sup> p'ishe of Yate 40<sup>l</sup> equally to be distributed by mynde Exor or one of them **The** residue of all my goods Chattels & Debts after my debts payd, my funeral expenses pfor<sup>md</sup> & these my legacies contayned in this ps<sup>t</sup>e Testament fullfilled I wholly give & bequeath unto Dorothye my Wyffe & Robert my Sonne whom I make & ordayne mynd executors of this my last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & for the executor of the same I make & ordaine my Brothers in law Will<sup>m</sup> Cole and Nicholas Thorne Gent<sup>a</sup> my ovseers And I bequeath to every of them for their labor in that behalf 20<sup>l</sup> **And** I utterly revoke all & evy other Testament Wills legacies bequests apoint<sup>ns</sup> & overseers by me in any wise before this by me named willed & bequeathed **3<sup>m</sup>** **Witnessse** whereof I have hereunto sealed & subscribed on the daye & yere first above written.

ALEXANDER NEALE.

L.S.

Signed sealed & deliv<sup>d</sup> the yere afs<sup>d</sup>.

WYLLYAM NEEL.

GEORGE WEBBE.

WILL OF THOMAS NEALE OF BERKELEY, TANNER (1612).

In the Name of God the father the Sonne & the Holey Goste three persons and an ever livinge God Amen &c. I Thomas Neall of Barkley in the County of Glouc<sup>r</sup>. Tanner, beinge sicke in body but thankes be given to the Lord of good & perfect memory doe make this my laste Will & Testament in manor and forme following viz.: **First** & before all things I bequeathe my Soule unto my God

my maker & prserver to Jesus Christ my only Redemer and to God the Holy Goste my Comforter and my body to be buriede in Christian burial accordinge to the discretion of my Overseers. **I** give & bequeathe unto Margrett my Wife the some of three scoore & five pounds theertene shillings fower penns<sup>d</sup> of current money of England alsoe shuche plate as shee bought wy<sup>th</sup> heare money viz. a boole & a Stoope Also I give heare my Stonne Jugge colou<sup>r</sup>d wyth Silver & Gilte **I** give unto heare heare Bed which she brought wither and all shuche sheets & blanketts belonging to that Bede as pillows & pillow boards, also I give heare my second Arras Coverlid & . . . hitt Ruge also the Boxe & Cheste in my beede Chamber Also I give heare to of my best linnd. I give heare my litel mare alsoe I give hear my brasse panne that hear Mother give & the newe caldrone whiche was bought laste at Barkley Fayre Also I give heare one of the mayde bedes w<sup>th</sup> all the furniture belongine unto him & also the andle poote a spitte & the small aindoornes always provided that this my gifte of three scoore sixe pounde thirteine shillings fower pence to be voyd if she clayme the thyrd of my lands **I** give unto my daughter Saray to hundred markes of current money of England to be payde heare at heare day of mariage soe that she marey w<sup>th</sup> the consent of my Overseers or at heare age of Twenty & one years & that she shall have the proffitt of heare stocke in the meantime for heare maintenance Also I give heare a reasonable good bede w<sup>th</sup> all that belongeth to a bede **I** doe acquite Thomas Peirce of Twentye pounds that he oweth me **I** unto my Sonne Thomas a bede w<sup>th</sup> his appurtenances only **I** give unto my Mother Forty shillings **I** give unto Thomas Neall the Sonne of my Sonne Alexander my Lands in Barkley viz. M<sup>r</sup>. Moyers house Thomas Princes house William Fwyers house Margrett Paglars house and John Patrges house w<sup>th</sup> the newe house at the Stoke in Barkley afforesayd and to the heires of his bodey lawfulley begootten and for want of heirs of his bodey to my Sonne Alexander and to the heires of his body lawfully begootten and for want of heirs of his bodey to my Sonn<sup>e</sup> Thomas and to the heires of his bodey lawfully begootten **I** give unto my Sonne Alexander All my lands & leases unbequeathed allowing his Wife Twenty pounds a yeare for heare jointure to him and his heires for ever of his body lawfully begootten **I** give to the poore of Barkley Three pounds **I** To the poore of Wickware tenne shillings **I** To the poore of Yate tenne shillings **I** To the poore of Engleworth five shillings **I** To the poore of Dursley v<sup>s</sup>. **I** give unto my Brother Samuell my Cloke that I doe commonly weare my best doublett Cloke & Jerkin **I** acquite my Brother Samuell of all the bonds & dettes he oweth me **I** give unto my daughter Elizabthe Linke a silver & gilte tunn **I** give unto my Daughter Dorothy Lawford a Silver & gilte tunn **I** give unto my daughter Marey a Silver & gilte Goblett **I** give unto my daughter Sarah a Silver & gilte Goblett **I** to my Sonne Thomas a little salte of Silver & gilte **I** give to my Servants as followeth viz. unto Tristrim Beneis xl<sup>l</sup> To Thomas Edmunds xx<sup>s</sup> to Henry Clarke xx<sup>s</sup> To Thomas Teesane v<sup>s</sup> To Thomas Hurde v<sup>s</sup> to Moses Horwoode v<sup>s</sup> To John Magges v<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> to Henry Horwoode vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> To Richard Hancock vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> **I** give to Elizabeth Signet x<sup>s</sup> To Elizabeth Browne xj<sup>s</sup> I give to my Mayde Servants v<sup>s</sup> a peace **I** doe acquite William Linnike of all the dettes he oweth me **I** doe acquite my Brother Robert of all shuche dettes & bonds he oweth me **I** All the reste of my goods Cattell plate & houseould Stuffe w<sup>th</sup> any debtes which are owed me I give and bequeathe to my Sonne Alexander whom I make my full whole Executor and I doe apoynte Henry Neall my brother and Will<sup>m</sup> Fernley my brother in Lawe

to be my Overseares of this my laste Will and Teastament pformed and I doe give them x<sup>d</sup> a peace for their paynes. 3 witness hearof I have heare unto sett to my hande the viij<sup>th</sup> day of November in the yeare of the rayne of or Soveraigne Lord James by the Grace of God of England ffrance and Ireland Kinge Defender of the Faith & x<sup>th</sup>, & of Scotland the six & fortithe, 1612.

THOMAS NEALL.

Witnesses, heareunto

ROBERT NEALE. ROBART LAWFFORD.

WILLM. LINKE.

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*Note.*—At p. 76, read ‘William Linké’ in place of ‘Sticke’ and ‘Robert Lawford’ in place of ‘Lawford.’

## APPENDIX C.

(cf : pp. 18 and 21.)

## THE ORATION.—FROM THE HEBREW.

If David, who reigned over Israel, prayed for Saul (who died in war by the hands of the Philistines)—because it was he who arrayed them in scarlet robes of honour, and who bestowed upon them their garments of gold,—how much more then are we in duty bound to pray for thee, Elizabeth, O Queen, most exalted in majesty! For it is through thee that the Lord hath blest us with every good. Because during thy reign He hath appointed peace within our borders, and hath removed all cruelty; so that thy people live in security, and peacefully set their hearts, in the pursuit of the study of Wisdom, to learn whatever (branch) they may desire to devote themselves to. Therefore we, all of us together, and I especially among all the others, will ever gratefully thank thee with all our might; for thou hast overwhelmed us with thy grace, and hast abundantly increased unto us thy many loving-kindnesses in appointing heads of Colleges and Professors, who instruct us in the paths of all knowledge and wisdom. We beseech thee to continue thy favour unto us day by day, and to grant tranquillity and concord within our seats of learning, so that we may ever have cause to pray to the Lord for thy welfare and thy happiness in all things. May the Lord protect thee and vouchsafe unto thee length of days, and the fulness of joy in His presence, and at His right hand pleasures for evermore.—Amen.

## THE ODE.—FROM THE HEBREW.

Let us chaunt (O my friends),  
And let us pray, all of us together.

Rejoice thou greatly, O Oxonia, thou “city of the book,”  
Shout with joy, O City, fountain of all culture:  
Behold Elizabeth, the Queen, hath come unto thee!  
And the grace of Her Majesty dwelleth within thee.

Blessed be the Lord, the Eternal, in spheres on high,  
Who hath led thee hither in peace;  
And may He who hath guided thee even unto this day,  
May He preserve thy life in every place!

May the Lord grant unto thee according to (the desires of) thy heart  
And may He fulfil, we pray, all thy Counsel;  
May He guard thy coming in and thy going out,  
(May He guard) thy soul from every untoward occurrence.

May He cause all the work of thy hand to prosper,  
 (Even all), as it is within thy heart !  
 (And) may no evil (soever) befall thee,  
 Nor even approach thy habitation.

(Long) may she live, Elizabeth, the Queen !  
 And may Her Majesty be greatly exalted.  
 May the Eternal abundantly increase her glory !  
 And may He grant unto her a life of peace.

Amen ! Amen !

THOMAS NE(A)LUS.

The Latin inscription on the brass tablet set up by Thomas Neale in Cassington Church, to which reference is made in the Introduction (p. 21), runs as follows :—

EPITAPHIUM.

Thomæ Neli, Professoris olim Hebraici publici in Academiâ Oxoniensi.

Hic jacet Elinguis, qui Linguis pluribus olim  
 Usus, Hebraismi publica Lingua fuit.  
 Greca quid hic ? quid Hebræa juvat ? quid Lingua Latina ?  
 Si qua alios juvit, nunc ea sola juvat.  
 Vos ergo, Thomæ Neli quos lingua juvabat,  
 Elinguem linguâ (quœso) juvate piâ.

Subscriptio ipsius authoris.

Hos egomet versus posui mihi sanus, ut esset  
 Hinc prœvisa mihi mortis imago meœ.

Etiamsi occideret me,  
 In ipsum tamen sperabo. Job, cap: 13.

Anno Dom: 1590, ætatis vero meœ 71.

## APPENDIX D.

(cf : pp. 32, 55-59, 63, 86-90.)

## DIARY OF THOMAS SMITH, OF SHAW HOUSE.

Wednesday, 28th Feb. 1721 :—We again visitte Mr. Brooke and drunk Tea in the Morning, and from thence went to see several Colleges, Gardens, &c. : worthy indeed to be noted as to their Neatness, Magnificence, and the Pleasure I think they must necessarily afford to the Scholars. Mr. Harvey din'd with us and was at our Quarters till near ten.

Thursday, March 1st. As yesterday was spent so likewise this Morning, and in providing Necessarys for our new Housekeeper, but much of that was saved to us by the good fortune we had to get one of the Chambers belonging to a Fellow at a certain Rent ready furnished. The Provost of the House invited Mr. Selfe, Mr. Brooke, and one Hodges who is a Partner with him in Tutorship ; and Audley Harvey with myself and son to dine with him : and leaving the old Gent : soon after dinner, we finished our views of what was remarkable and likewise all our Business and spent the Evening at Mr. Hodges's Chamber. One Bowles who is Librarian to the University and an Antiquarian being with us, the Time past very pleasantly and we tarri'd till Eleven or after.

Friday, 2nd. Mr. Brooke came to take his Leave this Morning, and one Tindal a Gent: Comoner and his Pupil, who is the Son of Mr. Tindal of Bathford, being with him, they both drank Tea with us, and we presently took horse for Purton ; only tarry'd an Hour or more at Faringdon where Mr. Selfe's Horse was left and came to our journey's End between 6 and 7.

Saturday 3rd. We spent all the Morning and took a dinner w<sup>th</sup> our friend Mr. Goddard ; so 'twas two before we set forwards on our journey Homewards, and by the badness of the roads and going somew<sup>t</sup>. out of the Way, darknes had overtaken us before we came to Bromham ; Yet after giving Mr. Selfe my best thanks as they are justly due for his Company in this long journey I came homewards in the dark, and at Eight or a little after found my two Girles in good Health. The Success of this journey will in my apprehension, much point out the Life of my Son ; the foundation now being to be laid either of Industry and Virtue or Vice and Sloth ; nothing being surer, then as the Principles so will the Practice be ; which has given me the great Circumspection in my choice of his Tutor who, I have Confidence will be more then ordinary careful over him ; and so under the Protection of the Almighty Providence leave him to proceed.

Sunday 4th. Mr. Fox\* preach'd this afternoon, on these Words, viz : Search the Scriptures. After Sermon I was at Mr. Fox's ; with him Mr. Pierce the Clergyman, Capt. Jacob Selfe, and Mr. Manks an Hour or more. Mr. Fox designing for Bath to-morrow where he has found much Benefit towards Recovery of his Health.

Munday 5th. Afternoon I made a visit to Bro: Selfe, who since my Absence has been overturn'd in his Chariot and much bruised in his Way from Nonsuch.

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\*Rev. Bohun Fox, Vicar of Melksham, 1697—1750.

Wednesday 7th. I went to Rhoteridge in the Afternoon to see Workmen and speak w<sup>th</sup> my Tenant, else not from home.

Thursday 8th. I went this Morning to Bath to see my Mother, who when I came seem'd to be discontented w<sup>th</sup>. me for some Matters, y<sup>t</sup>. I thought I had deserv'd her utmost approbation in, w<sup>ch</sup>. indeed gave me uneasiness during my Stay there and some melancholy thoughts, w<sup>ch</sup>. were somewhat reliev'd by Mr. Fox, who came and tarried an Hour or more: I returned in y<sup>e</sup> Even.

Friday 9th. This day I spent at Home, the latter part of it mostly w<sup>th</sup>. my Serv<sup>ts</sup>., who were taking into the Barn a small Wheat Rick in w<sup>ch</sup>. the Mice had made sad Havock altho the same was but of last Y<sup>n</sup>. growth. My Tenant Little assisting us was w<sup>th</sup>. me an Hour afterward.

Sunday 11th. One Mr. Thomson that is Curate at Poulshot preached this Morning on the Last Verse of the 28 of Job, where all my family attended.

Munday 12th. Afternoon Bro. Selfe, his Son Jacob and Mr. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Smith of the Forest were with me some Hours—The Latter in Business and his Stay was not long. Our Talk concerning the publick was of the dissolution of the Parliam<sup>t</sup>., and the prodigious Bribery now made use of for new Elections, which vile Corruptions I fear are permitted by the Divine Power as a Scourge for our Wickedness, for what greater Punishment can befall a Nation y<sup>a</sup> to have the Legislature it selfe have its being from open Bribery and Baseness.

Tuesday 13th. After dinner I went to Devizes to have spoken w<sup>th</sup>. Mr Sadlier who was not at Home, so had only the Company of my Tenant Hillman and return'd.

Wednesday 14th. Bro: Selfe sent to me this Afternoon to meet Mr. Jacob Selfe at his house to consult of some Matters relating to the Parish, and I tarri'd there talking of the Parish Business and other Matters till near ten.

Thursday 15th. All the day I was about my own Home, and in the Evening at the Request of my Neighbour Poulson was at his House where I bargain'd with his Son Jacob to serve me from our Lady-day next, in Place of J<sup>no</sup>. Acreman at the Wages of £3 and Livery every year.

Friday 16th. After dinner I went to Rhoteridge to see Workmen there and return'd to Melkesham to John Glasse's where were Bro. Selfe and the two Jacob Selfes, and in some little time after Mr. Jerom Awdry came in who is willing to serve the Office of Church Warden on our Request the next Year, to w<sup>th</sup>. Purpose we met and so consequently had much talk of Parish Business.

Saturday 17th. I was at Home all the day and Watty came from Marlborough in y<sup>e</sup> Evening.

Sunday 18th. Mr. Pierce preach'd this afternoon on the 3 Verse of the 15th of Proverbs, all my family being present.

Tuesday 20th. My Tenant Gibbs was all y<sup>e</sup> Company I had w<sup>th</sup>. me this day who came in a little after my Return from a Walk to Daniels Wood.

Wednesday 21st. Early this Morning I went to Beanacre and from thence w<sup>th</sup>. Bro: Selfe to Laycock, from whence we went with Mr. Talbot in his Coach to Marlborough to the 3 Tunns, where was appointed a meeting of the Gent. of the County to name a Person they thought proper to succeed Mr. Hyde in Case of his

Death or otherwise declining to stand Candidate for this County, he being both antient and infirm. There was a considerable Number met at the Place appointed and being inform'd Mr. Hyde was indifferently well in Health at this time, came to y<sup>e</sup> Resolution that in either Case above mentioned Mr. Goddard of Swindon should be the Person to stand in his Place, after which we came back to Lacock and supp'd there, afterwards to Beanacre where also I stay'd some little time so y<sup>t</sup> twas near two before I came home.

Thursday 22nd. My Tenant Brookman and his Son in Law Fussell came hither last night, so y<sup>t</sup>. I could not speak with them 'till this Morning, and having discours'd our Business they went hence ab<sup>t</sup>. 11. The rest of y<sup>e</sup> Day I was very private w<sup>th</sup> my own family.

Friday 23rd. This day, saving attending the Church Service, was spent privately at Home.

Saturday 24th. I had but little or no extraordinary Business this day; only in the afternoon I discharg'd my Serv<sup>t</sup>. J<sup>no</sup>. Acreman, he being to leave my Service to-morrow.

Sunday 25th. I and my two Girles attended all the Divine Service both Morning and Afternoon. Mr. Fry preach'd in y<sup>e</sup> Morning on the 6 Verse of 24th of St. Luke's Gospel.

Munday 26th. Jacob Poulsom came yesterday to my Service, his Wages £3 per an. This Morning having Watty with me I call'd on my Mother at Bath who is now down in the Gout, and leaving him there went forward on my journy to Glaston; but the weather proving very bad, as much Rain and Hail with Thunder and Lightning, I took up my Quarters at Wells, and had with me (who I met by accident) one Stonage a Tyler, who does my work for me at Norwood, an Hour or Two.

Tuesday 27th. As soon as I could move from my Quarters I went to Glaston but first to Norwood, where my Ten<sup>t</sup>. Brookman came to me and went with me to Glaston where I reckon'd with him and Seald Leases for the Estate for 7 Yrs. from Lady-day last, and having sever<sup>t</sup>. other Persons in Business, after dinner I went to the passing the parish Ac<sup>s</sup>, and after some Wrangling there where there is a great Cause for Complaint, I took Horse again and quartered at Somerton this Night.

Wednesday 28th. I took my journy as soon as I could in the Morning towards Catsly, and my Letter of Notice miscarrying was partly disappointed and I lay at Beaminster this Night.

Thursday 29th. At eight I left my Quarters and came to Doc<sup>tr</sup>. Pollard's at Croscomb, and from thence went to several of my Tenants Houses but return'd to dine with the Doc<sup>tr</sup>. where I tarryd all Night expecting Mr. Symes, who by a Messenger desired my stay and that he would be w<sup>th</sup>. me in the Evening.

Friday 30th. After drinking a dish of Tea I took my leave of the family and lodg'd this Night at Shepton Mallett.

Saturday 31st. Having some Business w<sup>th</sup>. my Mother I called<sup>d</sup>. at Bath abo<sup>t</sup>. noon and after little stay came Home at four, found my two Girles well and Watty and that in my Absence Martha Pitman had left our Service, and Mary —— was come in her place at the Wages of £4 per an.

Sunday, April 1st. Mr. Pierce preached this afternoon on ye 36 and 37 Verses of the 10th of St. Luke's Gospel, and Sermon ended I was at Mr. Guppy's w<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Selfe his son Jacob and Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melksham an Hour or more.

Monday, 2nd. I was about my own House all the day looking over my Affairs and had two of my neighbours w<sup>th</sup>. me to collect the Land and Window Tax, besides my tenant Little in the evening. Watty went to School.

Tuesday, 3rd. By Invitation I din'd w<sup>th</sup>. Bro: Selfe, where were S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham, \* Mr. Norris, Mr. Jacob Selfe and Mr. Methuen on whose Ac<sup>t</sup>. this feast was made. All that were married had also their Consorts w<sup>th</sup>. them. Doc<sup>tr</sup>. Bave (of Bath) who was passing through the Village was with us some little time: Our chief discourse was of the Returns made for ye Parliament<sup>t</sup>. now choosing, and the vast and open Bribery made use of in all parts of ye Kingdom to y<sup>t</sup>. Purpose: and likewise of some of our parochial Business, Brewer the Lawer being w<sup>th</sup>. us in the Evening who is to manage a Tryal for this parish to-morrow at ye Session: my stay was till about Nine leaving all behind me. Betsy went to Bath this day to see her Grandmother and stay some time there.

Wednesday, 4th. I went to Rhoteridge in ye afternoon and returned to Mr. Long's my tenant w<sup>th</sup>. whom I had Business and at my coming Home found Ed. Ferryman and another Person from or near Salisbury who held me in discourse good part of the Evening: ye other Man being a Butcher.

Thursday, 5th. I went to our Tenants at Littlecot and also called at Mr. Tuck's at Goatacre, and in my Way Home at Sandy Lane to have met a person y<sup>t</sup>. did not come: So came Home in the Evening.

Friday 6th. About 3 afternoon I walk'd. to Melksham where at Mr. Selfe's I met Bro. Selfe, his son Jacob and Mr. Methuen; we y<sup>t</sup>. were concern'd went to the Vestry and after some stay there return'd to our Company and had Mr. Fox w<sup>th</sup>. us for an Hour, and so to our Homes.

Saturday 7th. I was about my own Home all the day, in the afternoon Mr. Brooke's Son of Heddington was with me some little time in Business.

Sunday 8th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on 24th Verse of 16th Chap<sup>tr</sup>. of Matthew's Gospel, where we all attended.

Munday 9th. I went to Rhoteridge in the Morning after Mr. Horton of Broughton had taken a dish of Tea with us, who came to talk with me of the Election of the County which is to be tomorrow for Kn<sup>ts</sup>. to serve in Parliam<sup>t</sup>., and being return'd Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melksham and he of the same Name of Beanacre, were w<sup>th</sup>. me in the afternoon on ye same affair.

Tuesday 10th. Early this Morning I took Horse for Wilton, call'd on Mr. Seymour at Seend and went w<sup>th</sup>. several of our Neighbours to ye place of Election, when appear'd no Opposition against S<sup>r</sup>. R. Howe and Mr. Hyde, so they were declar'd accordingly; afterwards went to Sarum where dining only with our own friends and Relations at the Blue Boar, we when dinner was ended went to the Angel where ye great Company din'd, and there Mr. Goddard of Swindon was again agreed to be set up as Candidate in Case Mr. Hyde should faile, who was not able to appear at Wilton, and then spent the Evening w<sup>th</sup>. many Gen<sup>t</sup>. at the Tavern.

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\* Sir William Hanham, of Neston, married 1717, Maud Norris, of Nonsuch, whose mother was Elizabeth Selfe. Mr. Methuen, of Bradford (not yet of Corsham).

Tuesday 25th. After dinner I went to Keevil to my old Servts. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Dalmer, who had me to see a horse at a Neighbour's House; w<sup>ch</sup>. having done I return'd to my own Home.

Wednesday 26th. This Morning I went to Bath to see my Mother in Law, who I find not to be at all well in Health. I pass'd away the whole Time with her and those in the same House, viz., Mr. Norris, &c., and did not so much as stir from thence 'till I came Home.

Thursday 27th. This day indeed I was at Bath as is mention'd in the preceding Article by Mistake: and on Wednesday was at dinner at Bro. Selfe's w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Methuen and Mr. Jacob Selfe besides his own family, and one Shorthose an Apothecary was w<sup>th</sup>. us some time in the Evening.

Friday 28th. I was at the Vestry this afternoon to receve the Overseers Ac<sup>ts</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup>. are found to be very faulty and so not pass'd: afterwards w<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Selfe at Mr. Jacob Selfes about half an Hour.

Sunday 30th. Mr. Pierce preach'd this Afternoon on the 13th and 14th Verses of the 13 Chapt<sup>r</sup>. of St. Jno<sup>s</sup>. Gospel. My Tenant Gibbs was w<sup>th</sup>. me at Shaw some little time after Sermon.

Munday, May 1st. This Morning early I set out for London, call'd at Nonsuch; and from thence to Sandy Lane where I took Place in the two days Coach and came to Newbury at Night.

Tuesday, 2nd. After a short time being in Bed we set forward on our journey and come to the Inn about nine where I could not get a Bed; so lodg<sup>d</sup>. at the Angel Inn behind St. Clements.

Wednesday, 3rd. About nine I set out about my affaires, was at Mrs. Tuck's, and Mr. Selfe Norris's; call'd also at Mrs. Millner's Lodging who was gone out of Town, I din'd privately by myself and in the Evening entertain'd myself w<sup>th</sup>. a play.

Thursday, 4th. I was again w<sup>th</sup>. Selfe Norris, in Change Ally about my own Affair and at the S. Sea House and din'd with him. In the Evening I was w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Thresher and Mr. Topps at the Tavern 3 or 4 Hours.

Friday 5th. I travel'd much about the Town in my Business, and in the Evening was at a Tavern w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Josiah Diston,\* Mr. William Lewis, Mr. Sadlier of Devizes, and Mr. Boucher to a late Hour.

Saturday 6th. I finish'd my Business in the Evening, took a Glass of Wine w<sup>th</sup>. two of y<sup>e</sup> Gent. last mention'd and Mr. John Thresher.

Sunday 7th. I was at Church twice, din'd w<sup>th</sup>. my Landlord, and in the Evening again at the Tavern w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hicks, Minister of Broughton, the three Gent. last mention'd, and Mr. Henry Horton. There has been of late several irreligious Clubbs discover'd of which there is much talk, and indeed every one that I hear speaks of them w<sup>th</sup>. the utmost detestation as they duly deserve, such blasphemous Impieties having never been heard of and are not fit to be committed to paper. Several Persons of high Rank and of both Sexes are reported to be concern'd in them, the Goverment. has thought fit to issue a Proclamation for their Suppression which I heartily wish may have its Effect.

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\* Josiah Diston, M.P., Devizes, 1706, 1708, 1715.

Munday 8th. After the same Manner as I came up I now set out again for my own Home, and fortun'd to have pretty agreeable Company in both journeys. A Tradesman of Newbury, as he was riding between Maidenhead and Slough, either by an Apoplectick fit or disjoynting his Neck by the fall from his Horse, expir'd just as we pass'd by the Place. An Instance of the Uncertainty of Life and Monitor for our Behaviour in it.

Tuesday 9th. I took leave of my Company at Sandy Lane and call'd at Nonsuch, where were besides the family, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Lucas Selfe and Mr. Tho<sup>o</sup>. Harnham, the 2 first mention'd came w<sup>th</sup>. me to Melkesham.

Wednesday 10th. I din'd at Beanacre w<sup>th</sup>. the 2 Gent. last mention'd and old Mr. Norris besides the family, also Mr. Jacob Selfe and his Bro. were w<sup>th</sup>. us, and all except the Clergy-Man who went away early, drank plentifully of Punch in the Evening, our discourse being of comon Matters and the Journy Mr. Wallis and Mr. Selfe are just now about to take to Rome, &c.

Thursday 11th. All the Gent. last mention'd din'd w<sup>th</sup>. me and also Sr. William Hanham, and our Living was much after the same Manner as Yesterday, I pray God forgive the Excesses.

Friday 12th. After Dinner I walked to Melkesham by Mistake, thinking a Meeting of the Parish to grant Rates for the Poor had been appointed as on this Day: So was w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jacob Selfe about an Hour and return'd.

Saturday 13th. All the Day I was privately at Home, Edw. Dick indeed was w<sup>th</sup>. me in y<sup>e</sup> Morning about an Horse, and after Dinner came Home, he having been w<sup>th</sup>. his Mast<sup>r</sup>. Hele at Oxford.

Sunday 14th. Mr. Pierce preach'd this afternoon on the 8th Verse of the 5th Chap<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> Gospel of St. Matthew.

Munday, 15th. Mr. Long my Tenant was w<sup>th</sup>. me this afternoon.

Tuesday, 16th. Mr. Warne of Chippenham was here in Business just after Dinner; but I stay'd but a little w<sup>th</sup>. him, being just a going to Monkton Farley from whence I return'd in the Evening.

Wednesday, 17th. I was at Bath to see my Mother who yet is far from being in Health and after dining w<sup>th</sup>. her alone, Mr. Norris not being at Home and his Spouse not appearing, I went to Doct<sup>r</sup>. Cheyne w<sup>th</sup>. whom I found several that were Strangers to me as one Mr. Tennison, Mr. Gordon, &c.; So after hearing some Songs from the last mentioned Gent: and one Mrs. Lindsay that keeps the Gaming House in Bath, and being there about an Hour and half, I came back to my Mother, Mr. Norris being return'd I tarri'd w<sup>th</sup>. them till almost eight so twas late before my Return to my family.

Friday, 19th. This morning I went to Urchfont to buy a horse of a farmer there w<sup>ch</sup>. done I din'd at Conock w<sup>th</sup>. my Coz. Warrinner and made it pretty late before I arriv'd at my own Home again: called also at my Coz. Nicholas's as I passed by Devizes. [cf: p. 63.]

Sunday, 21st. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on the last Verse of y<sup>e</sup> 3rd Chap<sup>r</sup>. of the first Epistle of St. Peter and after dinner I was at the Vestry to order Matters for the Poor.

Munday, 22nd. Two Sons of Mr. Charles Baily of Segery were to see my Boys and din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us. Afterwards I went to Beanacre, and tarried till Evening.

Tuesday, 23rd. I had no Company; only the Boys as mentioned yesterday din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us and Ben Scot's Son of Chippenham; and also Harris the Apothecary of Bradford was with me an Hour or two afternoon in Business.

Wednesday, 24th. The whole day was spent w<sup>th</sup>out Company, and the Lads before mentioned went hence this Morning.

Thursday, 25th. Edward Gibbs was w<sup>th</sup>. me an Hour in the Evening w<sup>ch</sup>. was the only Companion I had all the day.

Saturday, 27th. All the day privately at Home, only Mr. Child of Devizes call'd at the Door to see me as he past by.

Whitsunday, 28th. My family were w<sup>th</sup>. me at the publick Service of the Church where Mr. Fox preached on these Words of the 12th of the Romans viz :— Overcome Evil w<sup>th</sup>. Good.

Munday, 29th. After attending the publick Church Service and dining at Home I was at the Vicaridge w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fox in the Evening two or three Hours or more, some part of w<sup>ch</sup>. time Mr. Selfe of Bromham was with us.

Tuesday, 30th. I went to Whetham to have seen Mr. Earnly who went yesterday to London, So missing my Design there, came to Nonsuch and tarry'd w<sup>th</sup>. St. William Hanham till late in the Evening having also Mr. Selfe of Bromham w<sup>th</sup>. us some part of the time, Mr. Norris was from Home.

Wednesday 31st. I was sent for in the Morning to drink a Dish of Tea w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Diston at Bro. Selfe's and at my Return to Dinner found my Coz. Nicholas's Son at my House who tarri'd but little after Dinner and we took Horse together, He for Home and I for Monkton Farley, in some Business.

Thursday, June 1st. As early as I could I went in y<sup>e</sup> Coach with my whole family to Bath, to see my Mother, who yet is not well in Health: I did not move out of the House untill my Return in the Evening to my Home, leaving my family behind me.

Friday 2nd. Just as I was sitting down to Dinner Mr. Kington of Jaggard's and his Wife came and took such Comons as I had; also before we had din'd Mr. Warne of Chippenham came in some Business; the latter tarri'd but little Time but Mr. Kington till the Evening; we having Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob w<sup>th</sup>. us after Dinner.

Saturday 3rd. Mr. Webb of Farley was w<sup>th</sup>. me in Business 3 or 4 Hours this afternoon, and besides I had no Company.

Sunday 4th. Mr. Sadlington of Laycock perform'd our Divine Service this afternoon and preach'd on the 9th Verse of the 4th Chap<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> Epistle of St. John, afterwards I was at Coz. Guppy's with Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob some time, it raining very hard.

Munday 5th. I sent again to Bath to fetch my family, 3 of w<sup>ch</sup>. came in the Evening and Betty stay'd behind.

Wednesday 7th. It being now gossiping time I din'd at Mr. Methuen's of Bradford with one Mr. Brickham, Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob, beside Women; after Dinner Mr. Thresher was w<sup>th</sup>. us. There was Discourse of the Parliam<sup>t</sup>.

Enquiries into the S. Sea Directors affaires, &c., and of Mist the journalist being order'd to Newgate by the House of Comons for a Letter in one of his Papers w<sup>ch</sup>. tis said is treasonable. I came Home w<sup>th</sup>. my Son John about Nine.

Friday 9th. After Dinner Mr. Fox calling on me to y<sup>t</sup> purpose I went to Bro. Selfe's: and in the Evening to see a Performance of the Strollers at Melkesham w<sup>th</sup>. continu'd till near twelve, I cannot say to any satisfaction of Mine. My Daug<sup>r</sup>. Peggy has a great Cold and swell'd face.

Sunday 10th. Mr. Fox preach'd this morning on 6th Verse of the 139 Psalm old Transl. In the Evening Harris the Apothecary was w<sup>th</sup> Peggy whose face is very much swell'd and one Eye clos'd up and She in much Pain after having fainting fits or pretty near it.

Munday 12th. Peggy continuing in great Paine in her Head especially the Backward Part of it and Neck, notwithstanding the Blister apply'd last Night. I sent for my Mother and Betsy to Bath who came to us about 8 this Evening, Peggy being much in the same Condition as before is mention'd. My Mother brought with her a Cook maid for us, viz., Mary at y<sup>e</sup> Wages of £4.

Tuesday 13th. My Coz. Smith of Littleton was with me two or three Hours in the afternoon as a Visit, and Harris the Apothecary was also here to see Peggy.

Wednesday 14th. Afternoon Bro. Selfe was here to see us and his family: and also Clare of Bradford in some Business. Watty went this day to Marlborough.

Thursday 15th. I had very little Company or Business all the day. Peggy is much recover'd and like to be soon well.

Friday 16th. In the Evening I was at Melkesham where was a Meeting of the Parish concerning the High-Ways, my stay there was but little more than an Hour, and the other part of the Day I was quietly at Home.

Sunday 18th. Mr. Selfe of Broomham preach'd to us this afternoon in the absence of Mr. Fox who is in London, on the first part of the 21st Verse of the 37th Psalm.

Munday 19th. After Dinner Jacky went to Sarum; and I some part of the Day attended Mowers and Haymakers in my Orchard, where I am now busie; but not so as wholly to leave this Room.

Tuesday, 20th. I was attending Mowers and Haymakers good part of the day, the sun shining briskly.

Wednesday, 21st. My Tenant Palmer was with me this afternoon and besides him had no other Company but Haymakers, &c.

Sunday, 25th. Mr. Sadlington of Lacock preach'd to us this afternoon on the 13 Verse of 3<sup>d</sup>. Chap<sup>r</sup>. of 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of St. Peter. Sermon ended, I went with Bro. Selfe, Capt<sup>r</sup>. Jacob and Mr. John Guppy to Mr. Jacob Selfe's; where we stay'd till near Sunset it being Hot weather.

Munday, 26th. I had no Company all the day and finished my Hay-making.

Tuesday, 27. At four this Afternoon I went to Bro. Selfe's where besides himself and Son were Mr. Jacob Selfe and Mr. John Guffy. I was there till near ten.

Wednesday, 28th. Mr. Harris the Apothecary of Bradford was w<sup>th</sup>. me an Hour or two in the Evening in Business.

Thursday, 29th. I went to Mr. Awdry's of Seend who not being at Home I visited Mr. Biss of Seend where I stay'd till evening: being after 3 when I went hence.

Friday, 30th. I went to see Rhoteridge this afternoon and was absent 3 or 4 Hours; the rest of the day was in much privacy.

Saturday, July 1st. I was altogether privately at Home all Day.

Sunday, 2nd. Mr. Selfe of Bromham preach'd this Afternoon on the 30 & 31st Verses of the 10th Chap<sup>r</sup>. to the Hebrews. My Mother who has not been well for two or 3 Days did not attend the Church Service.

Munday 3. I with Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob made a Visit to Mr. Horton of Broughton this afternoon, where we tarri'd till Evening talking of several Matters, viz., the Proceedings of the now Parliament relating to the S. Sea Company, the Lottery now on foot, &c.

Tuesday 4th. Mr. Sadlier of Devizes who came in some Business din'd with me, and in the afternoon I was with him and Mr. Thresher of Bradford at Bro. Selfe's two or three Hours.

Wednesday 5th. Mr. Wallis's Coz. Moon this afternoon brought me a setting Dog as committed to my Care by the Owner Mr. Lucas Selfe during his Travels, who has now been abroad a Month or 6 Weeks, and besides the Person above mention'd enjoy'd Privacy to my own Content.

Thursday 6th. Mr. Seymour\* and Mr. Awdry of Seend were w<sup>th</sup>. me in a Visit 3 or 4 Hours this Evening.

Friday 7th. Bro. Selfe and his family were w<sup>th</sup>. us this afternoon.

Saturday 8th. After dinner I went to Mr. Webb's of Farley, and was with him Mr. Seymour, and Harris y<sup>e</sup> Apothecary 2 or 3 Hours.

Sunday 9th. Mr. Hicks of Broughton performed the Church Service to us afternoon and preach'd on the 22nd Verse of the 16th Chap<sup>r</sup>. of the first Epistle to y<sup>e</sup> Corinthians.

Munday 10th. My Coz. Nicholas's eldest Son by this Wife came to see us this Morning, and just before Dinner Mr. Norris and Mrs. Norris, Sir W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham and his Lady came in, so that we had a full Table; and in the afternoon Bro. Selfe, Captain Jacob and Mr. Sadlier of Devizes were w<sup>th</sup>. us, Sir W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham and Lady tary'd all Night, the rest went off, some earlier, some later.

Tuesday 11th. After Dinner I went w<sup>th</sup>. Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham to Bro. Selfe's and tarry'd with him till ten, drinking very plentifully of Punch, Capt. Jacob Selfe was also w<sup>th</sup>. us.

Wednesday 12th. This whole Day I was at Home w<sup>th</sup>. the Gent<sup>s</sup>. above mention'd w<sup>th</sup>out other Company.

Thursday 13. About 6 this Evening Mr. Norris and his Spouse return'd from Bath-Easton (whither they went on Munday last) and took Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham and Lady to their own Home.

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\*Mr. Seymour, afterwards 8th Duke of Somerset.

Friday 14th. After Dinner Mr. Fox being return'd from London sent to me to meet him at Bro. Selfe's, where also came to us Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melkesham and his Brother. The Tryal Mr. Fox has now coming on at next Assizes w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Long concernng Ily, was the chief Topick, and interspers'd with some comon News of the Town, viz., as the Prorogation of the Parlim<sup>t</sup>. the S. Sea affair, &c. held us till near Eight.

Saturday 15th. In very much privacy I was all the day at Home.

Sunday 16th. Mr. Selfe of Broomham preach'd this afternoon at Melkesham where I and my family except my Mother were present. Bro. Selfe and his family came with us from Church to see my Mother who has for some Days been ill in the Gout as we suppose, but is now better.

Munday, 17th. After Dinner I went to Melkesham faire to have bought an Horse for my own riding and having travell'd the faire over and over to no purpose retir'd to Mr. Jacob Selfes where was his Brother and several others for an Hour or two.

Tuesday, 18th. By Invitation I Din'd at Bro. Selfes with Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham Mr. Norris and Mr. Methuen besides the Family of the House and several other Ladies, Harris of Bradford was also with us in the Evening and I tarri'd till ten our Discourse all the Evening being of nothing but common Matters.

Wednesday, 19th. After Dinner I made a Visit at Whetham and was w<sup>th</sup>. him the Master of ye house his Nephew Mr. Washbourn, one Gourdon a Scotch Gent. y<sup>t</sup>. sings very finely, and some others about two Hours, being entertain'd by Mr. Gourdon some part of the Time with Italian Songs and w<sup>th</sup>. whom joyn'd Mr. Earnley's Gent. Mr. Farwell, as to some part.

Thursday, 20. Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham, Mr. Methuen, Mr. Norris, Bro. Selfe and Capt<sup>t</sup>. Jacob din'd w<sup>th</sup>. me, and more in Number of the female Sex after Dinner Mr. Jacob Selfe and his Nephew Tho. came to us. We sat merrily together till about ten excepting one small Squabble between Mr. Norris and Capt<sup>n</sup>. Selfe.

Saturday, 22nd. In the Evening I was at Mr. Long's my Tenant about some Business 2 or 3 Hours.

Sunday 23rd. Mr. Fox preach'd to us this afternoon on the 9th verse of the 16 Chap<sup>r</sup>. of St. Jno<sup>s</sup>. Gospel.

Munday 24th. I had no Company w<sup>th</sup>. me all the Day, only in the Morning I walk'd to my Tenant Mr. Long's in some Business, and at his Door by accident had some word of Difference w<sup>th</sup>. Far. Hooper y<sup>e</sup> Surveyor of the High-Ways concerning their amendment.

Tuesday 25th. My Tenant Little was the only person that was w<sup>th</sup>. me all the Day.

Wednesday 26th. After Dinner I was w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Talbot of Laycock about two Hours.

Thursday 27th. After noon I went out w<sup>th</sup>. a setting Dog Mr. Lucas Selfe has left with me during his absence, had some sport and very pleasant riding.

Friday 28th. By an Invitation I din'd at Nonsuch w<sup>th</sup>. the Mast<sup>r</sup>. of ye House and his family, and Bro. Selfe, Capt. Jacob, and Mr. Jacob Selfe of

Melksham, Mr. Selfe of Broomham was also w<sup>th</sup>. us. Our chief Discourse was of common Matters: and by a violent Shoure and Thunder we were detain'd till near Nine.

Saturday 29th. I was altogether at Home the whole Day.

Sunday 30th. Mr. Fox preach'd this afternoon on 4 and 5 Verses of the 25th Psalm, where I and my family (except my mother who is lame yet) attended.

Munday, July 31st. After Dinner I was at the Vicaridge with Mr. Fox, Bro. Selfe, his Son Jacob, and Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melkesham. This was indeed a Visit to Mr. Fox after his Return from the Assizes at Sarum where he has had a Tryal w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Calthrop Long, concerning the Tythes of Ily, in which Tyral Mr. Fox had the Verdict: so that almost all our Time was taken up in Discourses on that Subject, with very little else mention'd. My mother and Bet. went to Bath this Morning.

Tuesday, Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1st. I din'd with Mr. Talbot at Lacock where was no other Company then the Minister of the Parish Mr. Sadlington, 'till just as we had din'd Doctr. Bave of Bath came in and tarri'd till we parted in the Evening: My Serv<sup>t</sup>. J<sup>no</sup>. Acreman was most beastly drunk, and after a shameful Manner behav'd himself when he came Home.

Wednesday 2nd. I was out with my setting (Dog) this afternoon, and coming Home by Mr. Jacob Selfe's House I heard that Bro. Selfe and his Son were there, so I alighted and tarri'd with them two Hours or more. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Drinkwater being also with us.

Thursday 3rd. By Agreement Mr. Jacob Selfe went in the Coach with my Self and Peggy to dine with his Nephew Goddard at Rudly, I never before having been there to see them since his Marriage; we had at Dinner with us Mr. Miller the Minister of the Parish, at our coming Home Mrs. Jenny Awdry came with us.

Friday 4th. All the Day was spent at Home. In the afternoon Mr. Bliss of Seend was w<sup>th</sup>. me 2 or 3 Hours, and Mrs. Long of farm'to visit Peggy.

Saturday 5th. I was in the afternoon in the fields with my setting Dog. The other part of the Day in privacy at Home.

Sunday 6th. Mr. Pierce preach'd this afternoon on the 2nd Verse of the 3rd Chap<sup>tr</sup>. of St. Matthew's Gospel. After Sermon I was some little Time w<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Selfe and Mr. Jacob Selfe at Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Guppy's.

Munday 7th. Mr. Talbot din'd w<sup>th</sup>. me: and afterwards we went together according to his Request to visit Mr. Seymour of Seend, it being the first Time he ever was there. Mr. Wroughton of Eastcot was at Mr. Seymour's the same time where we stayed about two Hours.

Tuesday 8th. In the afternoon I endeavour'd to have had some Sport w<sup>th</sup>. my Dog: but the Wind being low left the field, and took y<sup>e</sup> Opportunity to call on Bro. Selfe, to enquire after Miss Cissy, who has been much disorder'd by a fever and Paines in the Head for some days past, by Intermissions: my Stay was about an Hour.

Wednesday 9th. Early this Morning I call'd on Mr. Webb at Farley in Business, from thence I went to my Coz. Smithe's of Littleton having Business w<sup>th</sup>. him likewise, and took my Dinner there, afterwards call'd on my Mother at Bath, and stay'd 2 Hours or more, so 'twas near ten when I return'd.

Thursday 10th. About ten I went to the Devizes to speak w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sadlier and some others, and at two set out from thence in order to have had some Sport w<sup>th</sup>. my Dog : but a sudden Rain prevented.

Friday 11th. Having been privately at Home all the Day, in the Evening I went to be with Bro. Selfe some little Time, he having I think at this time a very melancholy Scene before him relating to his Daugh<sup>tr</sup>. Miss Ciss., who now plainly shews her Illness to proceed from some Disorder of the Mind.

Saturday, 12th. I was at Home in my own Business Mr. Sadler the Attorney being w<sup>th</sup>. me in the morning and afterwards attending my little Harvest.

Sunday, 13th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on 21st Verse of the 2nd Epistle of St. Peter. [? Chapter.]

Munday, 14th. About 3 I went out a setting and tarried till Evening when hearing Bro. Selfe had sent for me I went to Beanacre where I tarried till Eleven or after, The Business to me was chiefly to speak with me of the miserable Condition of Miss Cissy and how to dispose of her, &c.

Tuesday, 15th. After Dinner I again took my Horse and after being out with my Dog two or three Hours I went to Bro. Selfe's and tarri'd there with them till near ten : some part of the time Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Norris was w<sup>th</sup>. us.

Wednesday, 16th. Hearing last night that my Mother was taken ill at Bath I went to that Place this Morning after I had called at Mr. Webb's and found my Mother indeed very ill but not so bad as I expected and I hope y<sup>t</sup>. by due means she will get over it for as we suppose tis the Gouty Humour in the Stomach w<sup>ch</sup>. Yesterday began to remove ; I tarri'd some little time at Farley at my Return in Business, and had some Disturbance afterwards in my Road Home.

Thursday, 17th. Being under an Engagement I went to Bro. Selfe's this Morning and tarri'd there an Hour or two : afterwards was at Home w<sup>th</sup>out Company. In the Afternoon we had a Cook Maid came to our Service in the place of —

Friday, 18th. In the Afternoon I attempted to go out a Setting but was beaten off by the Rain, and in the Evening Mr. Webb of Farley was with me in Business.

Saturday, 19th. In the Morning I was about an Hour and a Half at Beanacre partly in Business. Afternoon I was two or three Hours a setting.

Sunday, 20th. A young Man a Stranger whose Name I have forgotten preach'd on the 13th Verse of 3rd Chap<sup>r</sup>. of Epistle general of St. James. After Sermon I was some little Time with the Preacher, Mr. Newborough, Mr. Foxe's Uncle and Bro. Selfe at Mr. Foxe's. Sermon being in the Afternoon.

Munday, 21st. About 8 this Morning Mr. Webb call'd on me to go with him to Reading to have the Mortgage of Muckton Farley Estate assign'd to me from one Mr. Whistler a Gent. in y<sup>t</sup> neighbourhood : we called at Marlborough where I saw Watty in good Health and proceeded on our journey to Newbury thro y<sup>e</sup> Rain and lodg'd there.

Tuesday, 22nd. It being a wet Morning 'twas Nine before we left this place and we came to Reading very wet between 12 and 1. So it was late before we

could do our Business w<sup>ch</sup>. was transacted with one Mr. Whistler y<sup>t</sup>. lives near that Place and Mr. Blagrove of Reading his Attorney, we return'd no further than Theal and lodg'd there.

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. At 7 this Morning we left our Quarters and called at Woolhampton to see a Nursery Garden, where Mr. Webb bought many trees and Plants to a great Value, which detained us till near three, so we could come no further to lodge than Ramsbury.

Thursday, 24th. Not very early we took Horse for Home and came to Shaw by two or there about, Mr. Webb tarried with me an Hour or two and took his leave.

Friday, 25th. After Dinner I had a Message from Bro. Selfe that Mr. Norris and his Spouse were w<sup>th</sup>. him, So desir'd I would come to them with Peggy, whither we went and tarried till Evening, and this Day my Servant Robert Gale perfectly left me on the Account of the death of his Brother, so that we are in much disorder, having our New Servant Maid Jane Calway that came to us but yesterday was To night gone Home in my Absence very Sick.

Saturday, 26th. In the Afternoon I was out with my Dog two or three Hours and besides only attended my Business.

Sunday, 27th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on the 15th Verse of the 17th Psalm: After Dinner my Servt. went to Bath to enquire how my Mother was the last Night, and brings me Word She took some Rest, and was a little amended. Jane Caloway came again to us y<sup>e</sup> Day.

Munday, 28th. Weston of Chippenham was w<sup>th</sup>. us at Dinner and afterwards I rode out a Setting an Hour or two and in the Evening had w<sup>th</sup>. me Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob.

Tuesday, 29th. I with Peggy, went to Bath to see my Mother and at the same time made Tryal of a new Coach Man that offers his Service: My Mother being better than She has been we return'd in the Evening.

Wednesday, 30th. This Morning I parted with the Person that drove us to Bath yesterday, we not agreeing on Termes, and he not being as I think very fit for our Service: Edmond Lewis of Broughton was with me in the Morning w<sup>th</sup>. whom I walk'd in the Ground half an Hour or an Hour to try if we could find a Hare and the Rest of the Day was within Doors.

Thursday, 31st. After Dinner I was out with my Setting Dog, the rest of the Day privately at Home.

Friday, Septr. 1st. Mr. Tuck the Younger was w<sup>th</sup>. us at Dinner and in the Evening I was a Setting.

Saturday, 2nd. Having some business I din'd with Mr. Webb at Farley and in the Evening made use of my Setter in my Way Home.

Sunday, 3rd. Mr. Selfe of Broomham preach'd this Afternoon on the 4 Verse of 26th Chaptr. of Isaiah, after which I was with him Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob, about an Hour, at Mr. Jacob Selfe's.

Munday, 4th. In the Evening I was out with my Dog again, and before Dinner was w<sup>th</sup>. me one Thomas Bridgeman, from Clack, with whom I bargain'd

to serve me between this Time and our Lady-day next, as Coachman, &c., at the price of £3, and if we like at that Time, and we go on farther, he is to have £6, per an., and a Livery as usual.

Tuesday, 5th. I was this afternoon at Mr. Jacob Selfe's, with Mr. Seymour, Mr. Awdry of Seend, his two Nephews of the same Name, his two Sons in Law, and Mr. Selfe of Broomham, some little Time. Our stay was till near ten, and our Talk was only of common Affairs, and I was at the Vestry Room some time where was to have been a Meeting concerning the High Ways, but there were not more than 3 or 4 Persons.

Wednesday 6th. Mr. Warne of Chippenham was, I think, the only person that was with me in Business this Day; so in the Evening I was at Bro. Selfe's about two Hours, where was also Mr. Brewer the Lawyer.

Thursday 7th. I was again this Afternoon in the fields with my setting Dog, and had no Company all y<sup>e</sup> Day.

Friday 8th. I was privately at Home all the former part of the Day, and in the Evening out again with my Dog.

Sunday 10th. In the Morning very early my new Servant Tho<sup>s</sup>. Bridgeman came, but how long he will continue with me I am uncertain, his Behaviour being but very indifferent this very day. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on 13 V. of y<sup>e</sup> 1st Chap<sup>r</sup>. of the Epistle of St. James.

Munday 11th. I was at Mr. Horton's of Broughton this Afternoon, in Company with the Minister of Holt Mr. Lewis, and one Capt<sup>r</sup>. Dennet that is now at Holt Wells: but most of the Time with the Mast<sup>r</sup>. of the House alone, for I tarri'd till near Seven. And this Day I began to try for some Marl by digging under Ground, as they do at the Cole Pitts.

Tuesday 12th. Peggy went to Bath this Morning, and had with her in the Coach Mrs. Horton of Broughton and Mrs. Long my Tenant. Bet came back in the Evening with the two last mention'd. She has been at Bath these Six Weeks, and brings me Word that her Grand-Mother is but little amended.

Wednesday 13th. In the Afternoon I attempted to have had some Sport with my Dog, but being driven Home by the Rain I went in y<sup>e</sup> Evening to Beanacre to Bro. Selfe's, where Betsy was visiting.

Thursday 14th. I was very privately at Home all the Day, and in the Evening my Workmen for Marl brought me Word they had found a very fluent Spring, so could proceed no further in that place.

Saturday 16th. Early this Morning I went to Bath to see my Mother, who yet continues in a Weak Condition and does not come down Staires. I found there Mr. Selfe of Broomham in very much Trouble on Account of his eldest Son (who has been very idle and undutiful for some years past, altho' not now above 22 or 23 y<sup>r</sup>. old), he having been at the Bear in that place several Weekes past, and now declares he has marri'd one Collins the Sister of the Person that keeps that House, a Person of little or no Fortune, and bred up always in a publick House, not at all reputable as to her Character, tho' I do not hear of any particular Lewdness she ever has been guilty of, only the Method of Living not favour'd in the World. About Eleven I left Bath and came to Dine w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Norris who is now settled in Mrs. Panton's House at Bath-easton, where after Dinner Mr. Selfe call'd on me and we left that place about Five.

Sunday 17th. One Mr. Fry, a Curate at Devizes, preach'd this Afternoon on the 10th Verse of 84 Psalm. Sermon being ended I went with Bro. Selfe to ye Vicarige, where was the Preacher, Mr. Foxe's Uncle and him Self, and Mr. Mawkes; our Stay was about an Hour.

Munday 18th. Just in the Evening I went to Mr. Tho. Long's in Business, where by Accident I met w<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Selfe and tarri'd about 2 Hours.

Tuesday, 19th. I was all the Day at Home in much Business, setting things in Order, for our to Morrow day's journey, and some other Matters. Mr. Sadlier of Devizes, call'd here this Morning: and Edmond Lewis was with me some little Time, in the Evening, being sent in a Message by his Neighbour, Mr. Horton, of Broughton.

Wednesday, 20th. By Appointment about eight this Morn., I and my daught<sup>r</sup>. Betsy, took our journey towards Coz. Smith's, of Littleton, and in our Way call'd on my Mother, at Bath, (who yet continues ill), and took Peggy with us; we arriv'd at our journey's End, about two, and found there (besides the Mast<sup>r</sup>. and Mrs. of the House, and my Coz. Robert Smith, the Nephew, which make the Family), Mr. Horton of Broughton, his Wife and Daug<sup>r</sup>., Mr. Merewether, the Parson of Foscot, and Miss Bennet, Sister to my Coz. Smith: After Dinner the Young People play'd Cards, and so twas pretty late before we could go to Bed, Yet without any Excess.

Thursday, 21st. My Coz. Smith invited several of his Relations from Froom, that din'd with us, and also his Bro. Law, Bennet, and one Mr. Salmon, with the Company as mention'd Yesterday, and the Younger part of the Family, past the Evening away with Dancing, which made it late before we went to Bed, and as many as could be entertain'd, tarri'd in the House all Night. My Daugh<sup>r</sup>. Betsy, by eating a peach was taken ill and forc'd to leave y<sup>e</sup> Company.

Friday, 22nd. All the Company that lodg'd in y<sup>e</sup> House din'd there this Day, and we went after Dinner to see the new Church there w<sup>th</sup>. is not yet finish'd, and we were entertain'd at my Coz. Smith's and the Parson's: some of the Company left us and only those mention'd the first Day with Mr. Bennet return'd to Littleton, and he left us soon after.

Saturday 23rd. About 11 we set forward towards Home, having Mrs. Horton in the Coach with us; we call'd again at Bath and left Peggy, and at Broughton with Mrs. Horton and came Home both well (Betsy being recover'd) at 5 or there about.

Sunday 24th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on the 13 Verse of the general Epistle of St. James as before on this Day fortnight is mention'd, and Mr. Selfe of Broomham call'd here about 4 Afternoon in his Way to Bath, being once more in pursuit of his ungodly Son.

Munday 25th. In the Evening I was an Hour or two at Bro. Selfe's with my Coz. Nicholas's eldest Son by his present Wife, the rest of the Day was spent in my own Affaires at Home. [Cf: p. 63.]

Thursday 28th. Mr. Fox was with me some little time this Afternoon, and Mr. Jacob Selfe favour'd me with his Company till near Nine, Mr. Tuck of Goatacre being also with us.

Friday 29th. Mr. Tuck continu'd w<sup>th</sup>. me all the Day, and I was very Busie in attending my Marle Workmen, this being the first Day of Carrying out.

Saturday 30th. Afternoon I went to Farley to have spoke with Mr. Webb in Business, but he was not at Home, so return'd immediately to my own Home and Affaires.

Sunday, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1st. The Text at our Church this Afternoon was 17 V. of y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. of Proverbs. The Preacher was a Stranger, so know not his Name.

Munday 2nd. I was this Afternoon at Mr. Jacob Selfe's, w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Griffen the Proprietor of Woolmore Field, Mr. Awdry of Seend, and his two Nephews of the same Name, and Ambrose Goddard. Our Stay was till after 11, and altho' so late yet without any the least Disorder: and our whole Discourse of comon Matters.

Tuesday 3rd. Early this Morning I went to Heddington to see an Estate belonging to Joseph Marshman that is to be sold, 'twas not for my own use that I made the Enquiry but for my Friend Mrs. Miller, and I think 'twill be to no Purpose, the Estate being not commodious in any Sort: however I could not return before two, and after eating and visitting my Workmen went to Beanacre to Bro. Selfe's, he in my Absence having sent his Serv<sup>t</sup>. to that purpose; there were in Company Mr. Norris, Mr. Methuen, Mr. Griffin, mention'd yesterday, Mr. Jacob Selfe, and Brewer of Bradford the Lawyer. Our Stay was till after Nine.

Wednesday 4th. Having some Business with Mr. Webb I went to Farley, who not being at Home I went to Ford where he was w<sup>th</sup>. some Workmen, and from thence to Clarken Down where was a Purse of £40 to be run for: and having seen the Race w<sup>ch</sup>. was perform'd at 2 Heats, the same Horse gaining both. I return'd to Monkton Farley with Mr. Webb, and from thence Home about 9 or 10.

Thursday 5th. After Dinner I was out with my Dog an Hour or two, and in the Evening was at my Neighbour Poulsom's till eight or Nine.

Friday 6th. After Dinner I call'd on Mr. Webb at Farley to go with me to Ford-Farm to see an Horse, and we were there entertain'd by Mr. Godding (who was very pressing with us to tarry longer) till Seven, so came Home by Night. Mr. Earnly of Whetham was here in my Absence.

Saturday 7th. All the Day I was very privately at Home without any Company. Miss Houlton that has been here some time going with Betsy to Broughton and Holt Wells, at the former of w<sup>ch</sup>. places they made out the Day.

Sunday 8th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on the former part of the 10th Verse of the 9 Psalm, where I and mine attended as we usually do.

Munday 9th. Early in the Morning I took my journy towards Glaston and call'd on my Mother at Bath, where were at Breakfast Mrs. Harvey of Cole Park, her Daughter, and Miss Bennett of Ashton, so after two or 3 Hours Stay, I pass'd on and call'd at Mr. Martin's of Pennard, who not being at Home I went forward for Glaston, and there met my Tenant Palmer.

Tuesday, 10th. At ten I left my Inn, (viz : the Rose and Crown) and went to Norwood, where I well view'd the Premises, and came to Mr. Martin's in the Evening, where I lodg'd, the Lawyer Martin, and Mr. Johnstone were with us in y<sup>e</sup> Evening.

Wednesday, 11th. After Breakfast, and seeing Mr. Martin's long Bill of Law Charges, I mean the Lawyer's, I left the Place and came to my own Home, about Sunset, and found all well.

Thursday, 12th. I was all the Day w<sup>th</sup>. my Marl-Men and about my other affaires.

Friday, 13th. The former part of y<sup>e</sup> Day was privately at Home, and in the Afternoon went to visit Mrs. Panton, at Jaggards, who has been Ill, and was an Hour w<sup>th</sup>. the Mas<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> House, and Mr. Shorthose the Apothecary.

Saturday, 14th. Mr. Fox, who designs for London, Munday next, was here to rec.ve his half Years Tithe, and take his Leave, just after we had din'd but did not tarry above half an Hour. My Tenant Little was also with me in y<sup>e</sup> Evening in Business.

Sunday, 15th. One Mr. Thomson preach'd the Sermon this Afternoon, on the latter Part of the 41 V. of the 26th Chap<sup>r</sup>. of St. Matthew's Gospel. My Daughter Betsy was grieved w<sup>th</sup>. the Head-Ach and Cold, so could not attend the Service at Church.

Munday, 16th. In the Afternoon, Bro. Selfe and Mr. Long, my Tenant, were with me some Hours, when our chief Discourse was of the sad Apprehensions (as our News Papers give us an Account) the People in London are in that the violent Contagion that rages now in France, will reach them, and the Precautions our Governm<sup>t</sup>. is taking to prevent the same.

Tuesday, 17th. At half an Hour after twelve Mr. Seymour, his Lady, and Bro. came to dine w<sup>th</sup>. us, and they tarry'd till near five, and immediately after they went hence, Mr. Guppy, of Pickwick, and Mrs. Houlton's youngest Bro. call'd here in their Way from Seend, to have had Miss Houlton w<sup>th</sup>. them, but the Weather being bad, they tarry'd till ten, and then went without her.

Wednesday 18th. After Dinner I made a Visit to my Neighbour Mr. Kington who has lately been ill, and tarri'd with him about two Hours.

Thursday 19. I call'd at Mr. Seymour's door at Seend in my Way to the Devizes, where I din'd with my Coz. Nicholas and his Family, and after Dinner Mr. Child, Mr. Sadlier, and Mr. Brookes of Heddington came to us. So having done my Business with the two last mention'd Gent. I came Home in the Evening very gravely by my Self, not daring to have a Serv<sup>t</sup>. w<sup>th</sup>. me neither of mine having ever had the Small Pox. Neighbour Poulson was with me in the Evening. [Cf: p.63.]

Friday 25th. I had no Company and was out with the setting Dog about an Hour after Dinner.

Sunday 22nd. About 9 this Morning Mr. Paradice of the Devizes Green call'd at my Door, and told me my Tenant Palmer's Stock was seiz'd at Badminton, and that all my Arrears at Norwood were likely to be lost unless immediate care was taken. So I thought my Selfe oblig'd to be as quick as possible altho' on Sunday, and immediately took Horse for Badminton where I

spoke w<sup>th</sup>. my Tenant and found to be true what was related, only that his Stock was not remov'd from my Estate. So proceeded that Night to Bath and lodg'd at my Mother's.

Munday 23rd. Early in the Morning I again went forward for Norwood, and arriv'd about one, and seeing all things quiet there, went to the Rose & Crown in Glaston to Bed.

Tuesday 24th. Mr. Martin the Lawyer was with me betimes in the Morning, and after breaking fast we went together to Norwood, and after a long Stay in Expectation of my Tenant (according to Promise), we in the Evening made Seizure of twenty Oxen, and after having finish'd, the Lawyer left me, and I return'd to my Lodging at Glaston.

Wednesday 25th. I had with me several Persons to take my Estate but did not agree with either, and again went to Norwood where was my Tenant's Son and others, and after an Hour or two set out for Home, and came well (to the Highest be my Praises) about Six.

Friday 27th. After Dinner I went to Bro. Selfe's and stay'd there 'till after ten, it raining so very much that I could not come away well before. Mr. Jacob Selfe was the only Companion besides the Family.

Sunday 29th. Mr. Rogers of Bradford preach'd this Afternoon on ——

Munday 30th. Early again this Morning I took Horse for Norwood and got thither about One, where I stay'd till Night; and then walk'd to Glaston to my Quarters. I had with me Mr. Martin y<sup>e</sup> Lawyer, Mr. Walker, Bro. in Law to my Tenant Palmer, his Son, and Palmer's son and some others 'till about Nine talking with me of redeeming the Oxen I have seiz'd for Rent.

Tuesday 31st. After I had discours'd with some Persons about letting my Estate, I went to Norwood and had the Oxen apprais'd, but upon Mr. Walter's Intreatys, and Palmer's Sons, did not sell them; but put them into the Hands of the former, he giving me a Note to deliver them on Demand: in y<sup>e</sup> Evening I was with some of the Town at my Quarters, the Rose & Crown: and also had a Tenant offer.

Wednesday, Nov. 1st. About Eight I set out from Glaston and call'd at Norwood, but did not alight and tarried some little Time with one King that offers to be my Tenant at his House, and also went to Mr. Walters where I stay'd near an Hour, and from thence directly Home, at which Place I came very much tired at Six, and found my Tenant Gibbs there in some Business.

Friday 3rd. I had no Company, only Glass the Maltster was with me some little Time, and in the Evening Peggy return'd being sent for from Bath.

Sunday 5th. In the Morning my late Tenant Palmer and his Son were with (me), he not daring to appear on any other Day; after Dinner they left me and repair'd w<sup>th</sup>. my Family to Church, where Mr. Thomson, Curate at Steeple Ashton, preach'd on y<sup>e</sup> 26 V. of 6 Chap<sup>tr</sup>. of St. Matthew's Gospel.

Munday 6th. I again early this Morning took my journy towards Norwood, and call'd at Mr. Walters of West Pennard's, he being Bro. in Law to Palmer, but my Stay was not long there, but I proceeded to Norwood and after some Stay there also, went to Glaston to Bed.

Tuesday, 7th. About ten I went to Norwood to have sold the Oxen, but my Dealers not coming, I did nothing in that Matter, but had Discourse w<sup>th</sup>. some of letting the Estate.

Wednesday, 8th. Mr. Martin the Lawyer came to me this Morning to Glaston, and one Brookman and his Son in Law Fussel, to buy the Oxen, and take the Estate, both w<sup>ch</sup>. they did before we parted from Norwood, and having finished my Business, I came again to my Quarters at Glaston in the Evening.

Thursday, 9th. Just as Day appear'd I took Horse for Home, where at my coming, I found Bro. Selfe and his Family to visit us, who stay'd till the Evening, and pretty early I repair'd to Bed, much tir'd with my journy, but well pleas'd that I have, I hope, well finish'd this troublesome Business.

Friday, 10th. In the Morning I was seeing my Affaires, and Afternoon for about 2 Hours, I walk'd w<sup>th</sup>. my Gun.

Saturday, 11th. All the Day I was about my Home without Company, saving a Tax gatherer.

Sunday, 12th. Mr. Fox, who returned from London, Saturday last was Se'night, preach'd to us this Morning on these words, viz;—Be content w<sup>th</sup>. such Things as ye have: in the last Chap<sup>r</sup>. to the Hebrews.

Munday 13th. In the Morning early, I took Horse to have met w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seymour a hunting, but going the wrong Way fail'd in my design, but in my Absence, a Messenger came from him, so at my Return, I went into Atford Field to him and several others, there being by Accident several Packs of Dogs met together. We had but little Sport, and I soon repair'd Home.

Tuesday, 14th. After Dinner I went to my Tenant, Mr. Long, to have the Lease sign'd y<sup>t</sup>. I've granted him for 3 Yrs. fro. Lady-day last.

Wednesday, 15th. In the Evening I was with Bro. Selfe three or four Hours, having only Thos. Gale with us some part of the Time, besides the Family.

Thursday, 16th. In the Afternoon I went to Daniel's Wood, and was made wet in my Walk, and so return'd, my two Girles went to Jaggards this Morn. and return'd in ye Evening.

Friday, 17th. All the Day I was at Home, and diligently attended my Men, carrying Marle.

Sunday 19th. Only my Self and Servants were at Church, it raining much and the Waters being high. Mr. Fox preach'd on the same Text as last mentioned.

Munday 20th. I was all the Day about my own Home, and in the afternoon had Mr. Fox with me an Hour or two.

Tuesday 21st. After Dinner I walked to Daniel's Wood now the Weather being fine. The former part of the Day was spent at Home.

Wednesday 22nd. I went to dine w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seymour at Seend, where was also by Accident Mr. Smith of Alton, and Mr. Seymour's Bro. Francis. So by many Persuasions and vast Intreaties we stay'd till 'twas too late to come away or at least we not in a Condition, for the other Smith pretended he would not Stay but be at Melkesham in some Business that he must of necessity attend this Evening: but in Truth I was so overcome with Liquor and in so bad a State that I knew not

what I did and too bad to be mention'd; only I make my sincere Acknowledgement to my Creator and Preserver, and stedfastly promise never to commit the like beastly Wickedness.

Thursday 23rd. I got from my bed this Morning by eight, to the Almighty be the Praises that I ever came from thence, but not in scarce a sensible Condition; however I rode out into the Field with the Beagles, the Mast<sup>r</sup>. of the House and his Bro. being with us, and we stay'd till One; the Air I believe doing me much Service, and so came to my Home about two but not capable to eat or drink but very little all this Day.

Friday 24th. I all the day was at Home in a very Melancholy Condition.

Saturday 25th. Also this whole day I was at Home in privacy.

Sunday 26th. Mr. Fox this Morning continu'd his Text as last is mention'd; and had but a very small Congregation on Act<sup>t</sup>. of the wet Weather.

Munday 27th. Just in the Evening I went to Bro. Selfe's and tarry'd there 'till Nine, his Son Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jacob being just come from London and so we had much Talk of his Affaires and what publick News was stirring.

Wednesday 29th. My two Daughters went to Nonsuch this Morning, and having no Company I walk'd with my Gun after Dinner till Night: and had for an Hour the Company of my Tenant Little and another Person in the Evening: the rest of the Time alone.

Thursday 30th. Early this Morning I went to Bath to see my Mother, and in y<sup>e</sup> Evening was at Doc<sup>r</sup>. Cheyne's, where was some little time after I came in, one Gourdon, the writer as 'tis s<sup>d</sup>. of the Independent Whig, and London Journ<sup>ll</sup>., both bad Papers.

Friday, Dec. 1st. Between 7 and 8 I came from Bath, (leaving my Mother in as good Condition or better than expected, tho' I think but bad in the Main) tarry'd at home only half an Hour and went to Nonsuch where I tarry'd all Night. There were none others then their own Family.

Saturday 2nd. At two or after I and my two Girles left Nonsuch and found very bad Roads by Reason of a very hard frost; however we came safely to our Habitation by Night.

Sunday 3rd. The same Text was yet continu'd by Mr. Fox this Morning, as is before mentioned.

Munday, 4th. I was all the Day at Home with my Workmen very busie in carrying out Marle now, being Frosty Weather.

Tuesday, 5th. By Agreem<sup>t</sup>. with Bro. Selfe, I went to Beanacre, and from thence with him and his Son Jacob, to Mr. Methuen's, of Bradford, where we din'd, and also took our Night's Quarters, having w<sup>th</sup>. us in the Evening, Harris the Apothecary, besides y<sup>e</sup> Family.

Wednesday, 6th. There din'd with us at Bradford, Mr. Rogers the Minister of the Parish, and Mr. Thresher, but immediately after Dinner, I left them and came home to my own Family in the Evening, through very bad Frosty Ways.

Thursday, 7th. I was w<sup>th</sup>out any Company (saving my Neighbour Poulsom, whom I sent to in Business) all the Day.

Friday, 8th. This being, by the Government, appointed a Day for a General Fast and Humiliation throughout Great Britain, to implore God's Mercy towards us, in preserving us from the Plague now violently raging in y<sup>e</sup> S. part of France, I attended the Church Service, and Mr. Fox preach'd on 3rd Verse of the 13th of St. Luke.

Sunday 10th. Mr. Fox preach'd on the latter part of the 6 Verse of 4th Chaptr. to ye Philippians this Morning; for yet we continue to have our Church Service in y<sup>e</sup> Morning, viz. to begin at a q<sup>r</sup>. after 11.

Munday 11th. After Dinner Colbourn of Chippenham was with me some little time in Business; and in the Evening Bro. Selfe and his son Jacob came and tarri'd till about Nine. Also my poor Watty came well from Marlborough.

Wednesday 13th. I walk'd out with Watty about 12, and we tarried an Hour or two; then being beaten from our Intention of Shooting by the Rain. My Mother came bither from Bath this Evening, having w<sup>th</sup>. her Sister Selfe and Peggy, both which went hence in the Coach in the Morning. Jacky also came this even. from Sarum.

Thursday 14th. After Dinner I made an attempt to visit Mr. Long of the Farm, but calling on Mr. Long my Tenant, heard he had Company w<sup>th</sup>. him, so I return'd Home and found Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob to visit my Mother; they tarry'd w<sup>th</sup>. us till about Eight.

Friday 15th. After Dinner I went to Rhoteridge, and on the Road met Mr. Fox who was coming to see my Mother; he tarri'd till I return'd, and then imediately went away.

Saturday 16th. After Dinner I made a Visit to Mr. Talbot the Ministr. of Laycock, was w<sup>th</sup>. him and one Nesus an Irish Clergyman.

Tuesday 19th. This Morning I call'd on Mr. Horton of Broughton, who also was invited to the Funeral of my Coz. Smith, heretofore Wife of my late Coz. Smith of Foscot. We came to Foscot about one, there was but a very small Num<sup>br</sup>. of Gent<sup>a</sup>. and few of meaner Condition, so that the Solemnity was perform'd with little Shew and Charge. She was a Woman of a very close penurious Temper, a very strict Presbyterian, and spent much time at her Devotions; and during the time of her Widowhood, kept one of their Teachers in the House. She was a Sister to Mr. — Campny's of Orchardly, and about the 70th Year of her Age. The Intermt<sup>e</sup>. being perform'd, I return'd to my Coz. Smith's of Littleton with Mr. Bennet his Father in Law; his Son; and Mr. Horton of Broughton where lodg'd.

Friday 22nd. All the Day I was privately at Home, only Edmond Lewis of Broughton was w<sup>th</sup>. me an Hour in the afternoon.

Saturday 23rd. Mr. Selfe the Clergyman of Broomham was to see my Mother this afternoon, and besides him we had no Company.

Sunday 24th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on the latter part of the 8th Verse of 3rd Chaptr. of the general Epistle of St. John.

Munday 25th. Xmas Day. I with my Family attended the Publick Devotions, where Mr. Fox preach'd on the same Text as Yesterday.

Tuesday 26th. Several of our Neighbours din'd with us (they always have done since I have been a House-keeper), and I think we had no disorder, but only cheerfulness.

Thursday 28th. Whilst I was at Dinner, I had a Servant from Bro. Selfe to speak to me to come to his Mast<sup>rs</sup>. house, there being Mr. Selfe, Norris, his Bro. the Clergyman (who should have been first mention'd), so at 3 or after I walk'd over, and we all tarry'd 'till late on the Act. of Mr. Norris's, who waited for the Moon, and were oblig'd to be at Nonsuch this Night. We had also Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Guppy with us some time and had little Discourse of publick Matters, more then of the new Parliament that is expected and the South Sea Company.

Friday 29th. At Eleven I rode to Rhoteridge, Jacky being with me, and having viewed the Hedges and Grounds w<sup>th</sup>. was my Business, Jacky having his Grey hound w<sup>th</sup>. him we had my Tenant Gibbs with us and tarry'd out till Night.

Saturday 30th. At Home without Company all the Day; two Days past about two in the afternoon I have had a Dimness in my Eys and as it were wavering Clouds before them, which continu'd the Space of a q<sup>tr</sup>. of an Hour and then went off. But I give God thanks this Day I have been Free.

Munday, Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1st, 1722. By Invitation I din'd with Bro. Selfe, where were Mr. Methuen, Mr. John Thresher, one Mr. Bickham, Mr. Brewer a Lawyer of Bradford, and old Mr. Norris and Mr. Fox. My whole Family were there, and the Young People danc'd, and all stay'd till Eleven, and I think with very little Disorder.

Wednesday 3rd. All the Company abovemention'd din'd with me and also Doct<sup>r</sup>. Avery, Mr. Norris the Clergyman, Mr. Webb of Farley, and Mr. Jacob Selfe; the dancing went on again and all stay'd till after one, Mr. Webbe and Mr. Thresher all Night; I hope nothing was done but what will find pardon through the Merits of our Blessed Redemer.

Thursday 4th. Bro. Selfe having some Venison sent him I was again invited to dine there, where were Doct<sup>r</sup>. Avery, Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. Norris, Mr. Methuen, and Mr. Jacob Selfe, also Mr. Brewer of Bradford y<sup>e</sup> Lawyer, and Harris the Apothecary. I stay'd with them 'till near ten.

Tuesday, Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1st, 1722. S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham, Mr. Norris, Bro. Selfe, his Son-in-Law — Methuen, and Son Jacob, Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Thresher, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Guppy din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us besides many of the Female Sex, so our House was fill'd; all tarry'd till about 11; the Younger Sort danced and the elder Drank Punch, &c., I fear a little too much, however all went on smoothly and parted I think in good Humour.

Wednesday 2nd. S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham, Mr. Norris and Mr. Thresher took Beds w<sup>th</sup>. us last Night, the two former went hence this Morning, but the other is yet here and spent the Day w<sup>th</sup>. us very gravely.

Thursday 3rd. I din'd at Bro. Selfe's w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> same Company as mention'd in Tuesday's Article except old Mr. Norris, and besides them were there old Mr. Thresher, and Brewer of Bradford the Lawyer, and Mr. Jacob Selfe, the same Course was taken as at my House, and 'twas near twelve before the Company parted; during the whole time we had but little Discourse of any publick Matters.

Friday 4th. Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Thresher left us this Morning, after whose going no Company was w<sup>th</sup>. us more then our Family.

Munday 7th. In the Evening Mr. Jacob Selfe was with me and his Nephew Tho. they both stay'd 'till late yet had pleasant walking Home the Weather being Frosty.

Tuesday 8th. Mr. Harris y<sup>e</sup> Apothecary din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us and in y<sup>e</sup> Evening, Mr. Webb of Farley was w<sup>th</sup>. us about an Hour.

Thursday 10th. I din'd at Jn<sup>o</sup>. Beavens w<sup>th</sup>. eight Gent. besides this being the Day appointed for that Purpose. Som Talk we had of the Proceedings of the Parliament and of the Election that is now to be at Chippenham in the Place of Mr. Rolt of Spy-Park who lately died at the Bath of the small-Pox.\* Some little jarring there was between Mr. Norris and Bro. Selfe as the Harmony did not seem to be so pleasant between Beanacre and Lucknam as usually, the two Gen<sup>t</sup>. of that Place going to Nonsuch all tarri'd till ten.

Saturday 12th. In the Evening I walked to Broughton to see Mr. Horton, who I heard had been much out of Order with a Cold: after staying w<sup>th</sup>. him two or three Hours I had a pleasant walk Home in ye Frost.

Sunday 13th. Our Service this Day was in ye Afternoon, when Mr. Hunter preach'd on 2d. Tim. 2 and 19 Verse, where all my Family were excepting my Mother who is not well in Health.

Munday 14th. I had no Company, only some Ladies of Bro. Selfe's Family were here to see my Mother and Daugh<sup>r</sup>.

Wednesday 16th. I was within the whole Day having a great Cold and Paine in one Side of my Head and teeth as I have for some Days past. W<sup>m</sup>. Cundick was here in the Evening.

Thursday 17th. After Dinner being better then I had been some Days, I went to Mr. Webb's of Farley in Business, tarried there an Hour or two and return'd to my Family.

Friday 18th. Watty went off to School this Morning, and we had again some Feemale Visitants of Bro. Selfe's Family in the Afternoon.

Sunday 20th. Mr. Hunter preach'd on the latter part of the 22nd Verse of y<sup>e</sup> 5th of y<sup>e</sup> 1st of Timothy this Morning.

Munday 21st. Mr. Brooke of Heddington and my Coz. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Nicholas came this Morning in Business and din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us, afterwards was here Bro. Selfe and the Capt. Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melkesham, and Mr. Hunter; and in the Evening my Coz. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Smith and his Nephew Robt. and Mr. Merewether the Clergy-man, also Coz. Smith's Wife came unexpectedly. Bro. Selfe and his Family left us before supper, Mr. Selfe and Mr. Hunter after, and the Somerset-Shire Friends all Night.

Tuesday 22nd. The Persons mention'd to come out of Somerset-Shire Yesterday din'd with us, but in the Evening Mr. Mereweather left us, the rest yet here.

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\* Edward Rolt, son and heir of Sir Thomas Rolt, Kt., of Sacombe Park, Herts, married Anne, only surviving child of Henry Bayntun of Bromham, her brother John Bayntun (who married Catherine daughter and coheiress of Dauntsey Brouncker, Esq., of Earl Stoke), having died S. P. 1716. Edward Rolt, second son of Edward and Ann, succeeded to his mother's estates as heiress of the Bayntuns; assumed the name of Bayntun in addition and before Rolt; and was created a Baronet 1762, as Sir Edward Bayntun Rolt of Spy Park.

Wednesday 23rd. By a Messenger from Bradford this Morn. we had Notice that Doct<sup>r</sup>. Cheyne, his Wife, Mr. Heyland and his Wife and some others, would dine with us, accordingly about 12 they came, and Mr. Rogers the Clergyman with them, Mr. Horton of Broughton and Harris the Apothecary also din'd here; they all left us in the Evening, and my Kinsman Mr. Jno<sup>r</sup>. Smith made a Visit to his Father-in-Law at Ashton, but return'd at night.

Thursday 24th. After Breakfast, I, my two Kinsmen and Son rode to Farley to see the Buildings, &c., there Mr. Webb not being at Home after Viewing all Parts and taking a Glass of Liquor, we return'd to Dinner and had no other Company all the Day, so spent the Evening at Cards, &c.

Friday 25th. Mr. Horton of Broughton din'd with us, and in the Evening we had the Ladies from Beanacre and dancing 'till near One. Miss Horton took her lodgings here.

Sunday 27th. Mr. Hunter preach'd this Afternoon on the same Text as last is mention'd, and he was indifferently well spent.

Tuesday 29th. Immediately after Dinner, Harris the Apothecary of Bradford came here w<sup>th</sup>. his Daug<sup>r</sup>. whom he left here for some time, himself going away about five.

Thursday 31st. This Morning J<sup>no</sup>. set out for Oxford, and in the Afternoon I visitte Mr. Fox who was not out of his Chamber, and is indeed in a low Condition, which, unless some Alteration for the better speedily happen to him, must soon carry him off the Stage of y<sup>e</sup>. World.

Friday, Feby. 1st. I was in or about my own Home all the Day, and nothing to interrupt me but the Ladies from Beanacre to visit my Family.

Saturday 2nd. Neither Company or Business. In y<sup>e</sup> Even. Tho. return'd from Oxford.

Sunday 3rd. Mr. Hunter preach'd this Morn. on 31st of 1 Cor. 7 Verse, the rest of the Day spent without any disturbance.

Munday 4th. I was at Bro. Selfe's this Evening 'till near ten, in Company with Mr. Jacob Selfe and Mr. John Guppy, besides the Mast<sup>r</sup>. of the House and his Son. My Mother went to Bath.

Thursday 7th. I din'd at John Beavens, 11 Gent. being there besides, two of which were strangers that came w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Talbot,\* viz., his Bro.-in-Law Mr. Mansell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Son to L<sup>d</sup>. Mansel, the Name of the other I know not; we were not very irregular and had very little Talk of any publick Matters; came home about Nine.

Friday 8th. In the Afternoon Mr. Horton was here with his Daug<sup>r</sup>. and Miss Bennet some Hours, the rest of the Day privately.

Saturday 9th. About 11 a Servant from Mr. Goddard of Swindon came w<sup>th</sup>. a Letter to request me to come to Swindon, and from thence to go with him to London, I being appointed a Trustee in some Matter that cannot be perform'd without my taking that journy; so having dispatch'd the Messenger, the remainder of the Day past w<sup>th</sup>out Company and in providing for my journey.

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\* John Ivory Talbot of Lacock Abbey, M.P. for Ludgershall 1714, and for Wilts in two first Parliaments of Geo. II., married Mary, daughter of Thomas Lord Mansel of Margam, in Glamorganshire.

Sunday 10th. Our Sermon this Afternoon was by Mr. Hunter, preach'd on the 1 Ver. of 13 of the Epistle to the Hebrews, besides which attendance I was in privacy at Home all the Day.

Munday 11th. My young family went to Breakfast at Broughton, where they stay'd 'till the Evening: however after Dinner Mr. Methuen, Bro. Selfe and his Son came to see me in the Afternoon and tarri'd till Even.

Tuesday 12th. After my Breakfast, just as I was taking Horse for Swindon, Mr. Methuen, his Lady, Mrs. Crane, and Miss Pontin, came in their way from Beanacre; however I pursued my journey and came to Mr. Goddard's about 3, where I took my Lodging.

Wednesday 13th. After our Breakfast, the Gent. of the House being afflicted w<sup>th</sup>. the Gout, I with the Lawyer Greenway, took the Air w<sup>th</sup>out him in the Coach, when I had dispatch'd my Servant and Horses Home: we had with us at Dinner Mr. Anthony Goddard and Mr. Hipsley, as also Yesterday, the latter indeed being out of the House; we spent our time together truly sober enough, one Horne a Lawyer being w<sup>th</sup>. us some part of the time in the Evening.

Thursday 14th. After Breakfast and dispatching some Matters relating to the Business of my journey, I with the Lawyer beforementio'nd, took our journey towards Newbury in Mr. Goddard's Chariot, where we came about 5, and met there one White a Clergyman, and one Popplewell of the same Function, the one being to resign a Living in Mr. Goddard's Gift, but purchased by him in my Name, and which I am by Mr. Goddard's Direction, to present to the other. The Person to resign seem'd to be in much Confusion and Disturbance, the Reason I know not; so the Evening past not very pleasantly. One, of whom Mr. Goddard purchas'd the Perpetuity of the Living, which is the occasion of my journey, being w<sup>th</sup>. us good part of the time.

Friday 15th. Staying at Newbury 'till after Dinner, I with the Gen<sup>t</sup>. before mention'd and the Clergyman whom I am to present, (viz. Mr. White now Vicar of Ramsbury) took Places in the Coach going for London, and had our Quarters at the Bear in Reading.

Saturday 16th. Before it was Day we were in the Coach for London, din'd at Slow and came to the Bell Savage on Ludgate Hill about six, having no bad journey had my hearing and head been as usual; but truly quite contrary for my hearing has for some Months past fail'd me at certain times, and especially of late and in one Ear, one Side of my Head being much disorder'd, sometimes w<sup>th</sup>. Deafness and sometimes the tooth-ach—after some little time with the Company, I went to my Lodging at the Cheshire-cheese in Arundel Street, the House of our late Neighbour J<sup>no</sup>. Breach his Son.

Sunday 17th. In the Morning I attended the Service and Sermon at St. Clement's, and din'd w<sup>th</sup>. my Land-lord who keeps a publick house; in the Afternoon was at St. Paul's all y<sup>e</sup> Service, and in y<sup>e</sup> Even for want of a proper Retirem<sup>t</sup>. at a Tavern some little time.

Munday 18th. I din'd with my fellow Travellers at an Ale-House, the Sign of the Dolphin on Ludgate Hill, after I had call'd on Mrs. Tuck in the Morning in Business, and after Dinner was at Selfe Norris's, on the like Even. was at y<sup>e</sup> Mitre Tavern in Fleet Street with my Travellers.

Tuesday 19th. After going to Mrs. Tuck's, I din'd at my Lodging alone, and afterwards was at Selfe Norris's, but could not perfect what intended.

Wednesday 20th. I din'd at Selfe Norris's and made an end of my Business with them, and was in the Evening at the Play House.

Thursday 21st. I din'd again with my Travellers at the same place as mention'd, and in the Evening was with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Selfe Norris and Greenway the Lawyer, at the Tavern.

Friday 22nd. I was good part of the Day free from Company; however in the Evening sign'd the Presentation (which was the Business that call'd me from Home) at the Mitre-Tavern. So having taken place in the Newbury Coach, prepar'd for my journy.

Saturday 23rd. At two this Morning was call'd up, where at my coming down Staires I found Mr. Webb, Nephew to him of Farley of the same Name, in an extream necessitous Condition, having spent his whole Substance and is in want of all Necessarys of Life perfectly, not being now above 6 or 7 and twenty, a great Example of a profligate base Temper, he now coming in a begging Manner: but could have but little time w<sup>th</sup>. him y<sup>e</sup> Coach being ready; baited at Windsor, din'd at Reading, and came safe to Newbury at 7.

Sunday 24th. About 9, I with Mr. Smith of Alton, who came down in the same Coach, took Horse for Home. We call'd at Froxfield, and soon after our Roades parted; from which time I had very hard Rain good part of my Way Home, so that was thro'. Wet in many Parts: yet to the Almighty be the Praise I came safe Home at 7, tho' much tir'd and in a low Condition through the illness that I have had almost ever since I went hence, for w<sup>ch</sup>. Reason also I was the more induced to break the Rest of this Day that I might at any Rate be at Home, where I already find myself in much better Condition.

Wednesday 27th. We were at the publick Service of the Church, and at our coming Home found Mr. Brook of Heddington here, who stay'd an hour or two, in the Evening J<sup>no</sup>. Edmond was to offer his Son to my Serv<sup>ce</sup>.

Thursday 28th. I din'd at Nonsuch having Business with Mr. Norris and Mr. Brook, mention'd Yesterday, who by Appointment came to us about 4. This Matter has been of some standing between us.

Friday, March 1st. The Morning was spent about my own Home. After Dinner was with Bro. Selfe, his Son Jacob, and Ladies, two or three Hours.

Saturday 2nd. My Tenant Brookman came in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon from Somers<sup>t</sup>, and w<sup>th</sup>. him and Tho. Little was all y<sup>e</sup> Converion I had all Day, except my Family and Workmen.

Sunday 3rd. We were at the Church where Mr. Hunter preach'd this Morning, on the latter part of 2<sup>d</sup>. Verse of the 6 of 2<sup>d</sup>. of Corinthians, and this Morning I recevd. a Letter from my Mother-Law at Bath of a very angry Nature, which I little expected at this time.

Munday 4th. Brookman went hence this Morning, and in the Afternoon Mr. Horton of Broughton was here till near ten; whilst he was here we had a Maid come to our Service in the place of Mary Beeker, whose name is Elizabeth Harford, at y<sup>e</sup> Wages of £4 pr. an.

Tuesday 5th. All the Day was at Home, and had in the afternoon the Company of Bro. Selfe, the Capt. and Lady's. Mary Beeker left us this Day.

Wednesday 6th. I was about my own affaires in the Morning and din'd at Home; afterwards went to Mr. Webb of Farley to speak to him of his Kinsman Rob<sup>t</sup>., who having squander'd away all his Fortune, is in London in a very necessitous Condition.

Thursday 7th. I din'd at Jn<sup>o</sup>. Beaven's, being the Day of meeting of the Gent., there were ten besides myself, all stay'd till between 8 and 10. We had but little Speech of any publick Matters, nor very hard drinking before I left the Company, where about 5 were behind.

Friday 8th. My Tenant Hillman was here at Dinner time and stay'd about an hour or two after, and besides him I had no Company, only attended Workmen in planting Ashes in my Coppice.

Sunday 10th. Mr. Hunter's Sermon this Morning was on the 4 Verse of the 5th of St. Mathews Gospel, where we attended.

Tuesday 12th. After Dinner I rode to Seend to Mrs. Houlton's in some Business, who not being at Home I immediately return'd.

Wednesday 13th. In the Morning I was w<sup>th</sup>. my Workmen and had Far. Briant w<sup>th</sup>. me in Business about Dinner, afterwards to see how Matters were there and speak w<sup>th</sup>. my Tenant.

Sunday 17th. Mr. Hunter preach'd this Morning on the 21 Verse of the 7 of St. Matthew's Gospel, I and my Family being at Church.

Munday 18th. After Dinner I was at Mr. Jacob Selfe's with Bro. Selfe, Mr. Horton, and Mr. Hunter our Curate. Mr. Horton left us in the Evening; but the two other Gent. with my selfe tarri'd 'till near ten, having several news-Papers we had some Discourse of the Bishop of Rochester, who is now to be punished by a Bill in Parliament; as also Mr. Kelly, another State Person.

Tuesday 19th. In the Morning I went to Heddington to Mr. Brookes in Business, when Mr. Crook took the opportunity to propose my Kinsman Ed. Nicholas (he being so desir'd by the Family) for my Daughter. This now was done after a serious manner, of which I heard somthing jestingly when last at Nonsuch, but cannot say I approve it. I return'd to Dinner and bargain'd with one Joseph Pierce to serve me in Jacob's Place, (who leaves me at our Lady-day) at £3 10s. pr. an.; afterwards went to the Vicaridge to visit Mr. Hunter, being his Request to us last Night. Mr. Long, Mr. Jacob Selfe and Jer. Awdry, were the Companions 'till near ten.

Thursday 21st. I din'd at Beavens being the Club Day, w<sup>th</sup>. five other Gent., the publick News was the Bills in Parliament brought to inflict certain Penalties and Paines on the Bishop of Rochester and Mr. Pluncker, and what will be the case of others now in Custody as its said. Whilst at Beavens, a Fellow on Purpose sent as he said, came to me to offer the Money I gave Pierce when I bargain'd with him Tuesday last. I came home about Nine, having drunk too much.

Friday 22nd. In the Morning was at Daniels Wood, and Afternoon at Rhoteridge, and sent Ed. Gibbs to Pierce's House to know the Reason of his Change of Mind.

Sunday 24th. Mr. Hunter's Sermon this afternoon was on y<sup>e</sup> last Verse of the 42<sup>d</sup>. Psalm, new Translation, where as usually my small Family were.

Wednesday, 11th April. In the Morning I made Visits to Mr. Hele, Doc<sup>r</sup>. Wyat, &c., and likewise paid off several old Debts of my Sons to Tradesmen, afterwards eat with Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham, Mr. Methuen, Bro. Selfe and Mr. Norris before : The Gent. first mention'd went all together into Dorsetshire with Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham, and set out only with my Servant homeward, and after I had rode about five Miles, one Smith a Surgeon at y<sup>e</sup> Devizes, came up w<sup>th</sup>. me and told me Doc<sup>r</sup>. Merewether and Mr. Horton were just behind, and that they desir'd I would call at one Mr. Crisps, a Farmer near Shrewton, when they would come to me, which accordingly I did, yet they never came, so went forward with my Namesake as far as our Ways lay together and came Home about eight.

Thursday 12th. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Hulbert was here in the Morn, and in the Afternoon I went w<sup>th</sup>. Peggy to Mr. Long's of the Farm, where we met Mr. Long, my Ten<sup>t</sup>. and his elder Bro. the Oxonian, and return'd in y<sup>e</sup> Evening.

Friday 13th. Edward Gibbs was w<sup>th</sup>. me in the Afternoon to make up a long Act<sup>c</sup>. between us ; and in y<sup>e</sup> Evening our Butcher J<sup>no</sup>. Tayler, and my Tenant Little, both in Business.

Saturday 14th. I had little more then comon, only attended my Men in carrying Marle, of which I have been prevented all this Winter by the wet Seasons, and have yet as much as we shall carry out in two Days more. We also bargain'd w<sup>th</sup>. a Servant in Jane's place, (who is shortly to be married) her Wages is £4 p<sup>r</sup>. an., and Name Edith.

Sunday 15th. Mr. Fox preach'd on the 7 Chapt<sup>r</sup>. of St. Ma<sup>t</sup>., and former part of the 13th Verse, this Afternoon.

Munday 16th. I diligently attended my Workmen, and in the Afternoon had the Company of y<sup>e</sup> Beanacre Females.

Friday 20th. After Dinner I went to Mr. Jacob Selfe's of Melksham, and so to y<sup>e</sup> Vestry, where was to be a Meeting of the Parish to make Rates for the Poor ; many poor persons were there to ask for Relief, and I think some pretty hardly dealt with : afterwards I was again with Mr. Selfe, having Mr. Kington one of the Overseers w<sup>th</sup>. us till after Nine.

Sunday 22nd. Mr. Pierce preach'd this Morning on 27 and 28 Verses of 18th of Ezekiel, where we attended as usual.

Munday 23rd. Mr. Norris din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us, and afterwards Bro. Selfe, his Son Jacob, and Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melkesham, were will us 'till ten, so y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> first nam'd Gent. took his lodging here.

Tuesday 24th. Mr. Norris left us about 7 this Morning, and after Dinner I was again at the Vestry to recve. Church Wardens Act<sup>s</sup>., viz., Isaac Poulsom and J<sup>no</sup>. Glass, whose disbursements were very much dislik'd, and something was done. Bro. Selfe, Mr. Jacob Selfe, and I went to Mr. Foxe's, where we stay'd an hour or more.

Wednesday 25th. In the Afternoon I went to Rhoteridge, Peggy being gone in the Morning to Mr. Guppy's of Pickwick ; in y<sup>e</sup> Evening Chas. Brindon was w<sup>th</sup>. me to sign a Paper relating to the putting in new C. Wardens.

Friday 27th. In the Evening I was w<sup>th</sup>. my Tenant Mr. Long, in Business; Mr. Godwin of Atford was there at the same time.

Munday 30th. Peggy went this Morning to Bath to see her Grandmother, and return'd in the Evening. After Dinner I walk'd to Beanacre and was w<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Selfe, his Son Jacob, and J<sup>no</sup>. Rutty the Quaker, and Glass the Maulster, 'till Evening: the two latter came in Business to Mr. Selfe after I was there.

Wednesday 2nd. Mrs. Jenkins, Sister of the Parson of Froome din'd with us, and whilst we were at Dinner one Greenway that lives with Mr. Goddard of Swindon, came to bring Letters and speak with me concerning his Friend Mr. Goddard's being chosen to represent the County in this Parliam<sup>t</sup>, in the place of Mr. Hyde lately dead, but the Gent. would not come in; after my Dinner I was with him, and Mr. Talbot of Laycock, at the George at Melkesham, the last nam'd Gent. din'd with the Clergy of this Neighbourhood there as they do once a Month, so that the opportunity happen'd well for Mr. Greenway's Purpose. I tarry'd w<sup>th</sup>. them about 2 Hours when all went. Watty came from Marlborough.

Thursday 3rd. After Dinner I with Peggy, went to see Mr. Seymour and his Ladie at Seend: and whilst there Mr. Ambrose Awdry and Greenway, mention'd in y<sup>e</sup> last Article came in, and were with us some time. We came Home in the Evening.

Friday 4th. I was in the Morning at Rhoteridge with my Workmen, and after Dinner went to Mr. Hardings of Broughton (to speak to him of and consult him about making some Interest for Mr. Goddard's Election for this County, where I met Mr. Clark, Minister of Whaddon, and Farmer Lewis. My stay there was till y<sup>e</sup> Evening.

Sunday 6th. Mr. Fox preach'd on the 29th and 30th Verses of the 11th of St. Matthew's Gospel this Morning, when all my Family attended.

Munday 7th. Mr. Selfe's Son of Broomham, Isaac, dined with us; and afterwards I went to his Father's House, but finding him not at Home, return'd immediately, and in the Evening we had the Company of two other of Watty's Schoolfellows Mr. Bayliff's Sons of Seagree.

Tuesday 8th. In y<sup>e</sup> Morning another Schoolfellow of Watty's came to see him, viz., J<sup>no</sup>. Scott of Chippenham; and just as we had din'd, Mr. Bisse and his Daughter made us a Visit and return'd in the Evening.

Wednesday 9th The Young Gent. went hence this Morning to their own Homes, Watty going with them. In the Evening Mrs. Harvey's Serv<sup>t</sup>. was here to know how we did, she being just come to Beanacre. Edith Jones came to our Service this Day in the Place of our now cook-maid that is to leave us to morrow. She is to have £4 pr. an.

Thursday 10th. In the Evening I walk'd to Bro. Selfe's to meet Mrs. Harvey at her return from seeing Mrs. Crane at Bradford, who came Back between 7 and 8, and I tarry'd w<sup>th</sup>. them an hour afterwards. At my going from Home I left several Persons, our Cook-maid Jane having her Wedding Dinner this Day at our House.

Saturday 12th. Watty went to Bath to see his Grand-mother this Morning, and return'd at Night. I had very little Disturbance all the Day.

Sunday 13th. Mr. Fox not being well, Mr. Pierce preach'd the 11, 12, and 13 Verses of the 11 of St. Luke's Gospel, and also perform'd the other holy Offices of the Day.

Munday 14th. I walk'd to see my Neighbour Mr. Kington this afternoon and Bro. Selfe w<sup>th</sup>. his Son Jacob coming in the mean time to see me, they follow'd to Whity, where we stay'd 'till Evening.

Wednesday 16th. After Dinner I went to see Mr. Earnley of Whetham, who had w<sup>th</sup>. him one Foreman of Calne, and one Rich that is I think a Lawyer of Swindon or Highworth, and somwhat related to Mr. Earnley, the former soon left us. We past our time partly at the Cascades 'till about 7, when I came homeward and call'd at Nonsuch in the Way.

Thursday 17th. My old Tenant Rob<sup>t</sup>. Gale was w<sup>th</sup>. me in y<sup>e</sup> Morn., and in y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon Mr. Talbot, Bro. Selfe and his son Jacob; Peggy and Watty rode to Farley.

Sunday 20th. Mr. Foxe's new Curate who is lately come from Oxon, preach'd his first Sermon on 39 V. of 5 of St. John's Gospel this Morning, his Name I know not as yet.

Munday 21st. My Bro. Selfe sending to me by y<sup>e</sup> foot-Post, as soon as I had din'd I went to his House and met there Mr. Methuen, Mr. Simon Crane, Mr. Jacob Selfe and one Bennet, a Young-man that lives near Warminster, the latter being a Courtier to Miss Houlton who is at Bro. Selfe's w<sup>th</sup>. her Mother. I stay'd there 'till about ten but w<sup>th</sup>out the least Irregularity.

Tuesday 22nd. Mr. Simon Crane din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us as did also Mr. Johnson the Apothecary of Chippenham; as soon as Dinner was ended, I left them to goe to Melkesham in some Business, and was at the Vestry to make Rates for the Poor, and afterwards at Mr. Jacob Selfe's w<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Selfe, his Son Jacob, Mr. Methuen, and Mr. John Guppy, 'till ten.

Wednesday 23rd. Farmer Briant was w<sup>th</sup>. me in y<sup>e</sup> Morning, and Watty went to Bath again to see his Grand-mother, and we heard that my Bro. Selfe's Washhouse was plunder'd of all the Clothes of their Wash this last Night, the same being wet and left there as is usual after washing; 'twas privately done and without any disturbance or knowledge of the Family, 'till perceiv'd in y<sup>e</sup> morning.

Thursday 24th. After Dinner I had Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen, and two Mr. Jacob Selfe's w<sup>th</sup>. me 'till after ten, in w<sup>ch</sup>. time some of us were too free with the Glass. Joseph Webb that was late of Melkesham, and another Person with him said to (be) a Sea Captain, coming to speak w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Selfe were w<sup>th</sup>. us some little time.

Friday 25th. I was privately at home all the Day, only in the afternoon Mrs. Houlton, her Daug<sup>r</sup>., and Miss Guppy were to visit Peggy.

Tuesday 29th. The Coach went with Peggy to Mr. Bisses at Coulston, and from thence to a Race which was on Warminster Downs, and Home in the Evening in bad Weather and bad Ways. Peggy, Watty, and Miss Guppy were in it; whilst I was left at Home I discover'd one of my Maides stealing Ale, and for that and not well liking her Service in other Matters, gave her Notice of leaving us at Midsum<sup>r</sup>; 'tis Mary our upper Maid.

Wednesday 30th. I went with Mr. Methuen, Bro. Selfe and his Son Jacob, to Jaggard's where we din'd, having no other Company then the Mast<sup>r</sup>. and Parson Kate, besides Women; and after Dinner drank plentifully of Punch, over which the chief talk we had of any Publick Matters was of Mr. Goddard's Interest in the County for Knight of the Shire, Mr. Hyde's Room ag<sup>t</sup>. L<sup>d</sup>. Herbert.

Thursday 31st. I was at Home all the Day without Company, and Betsy taking the Opportunity of Mr. Methuen's Coach coming from Bath to Beanacre, came up in it.

Friday, June 1st. Peggy return'd in the Coach with Miss Selfe (for whom it came) to Bath this Morning, so that I have only chang'd my House-keeper, who was visittd this Afternoon by several Young Ladies from Broughton, and who were conducted by Mr. Horton.

Saturday 2nd. Mr. Webb sending me word yesterday whilst Mr. Horton was w<sup>th</sup>. me y<sup>t</sup>. he and Mr. Seymour would be w<sup>th</sup>. me this Afternoon, I asked that Gent. to meet them, and accordingly were all here 'till Evening.

Sunday 3rd. Our Curate preach'd this Afternoon on the 14th Verse of the 119 Psalm; after Sermon I was at ye Vestry-Room some little time, and at Mr. John Guppy's an Hour or more with Bro. Selfe, his Son in Law, and Son, and Mr. Jacob Selfe.

Munday 4th. I rode out in the Morning to Rhoteridge, and after Dinner was at Bro. Selfe's with his Son in Law, Son, Mr. Jacob Selfe and Mr. John Guppy 'till Evening. Tho. Gale was there w<sup>th</sup>. us some time when I dealt with him for my fat Lambs.

Thursday 7th. After Dinner I went to Mr. Horton's of Broughton where I met Mr. Seymour and Mr. Webb. We tarri'd 'till the Evening, Mr. Seymour going off first by reason of the Water he being forc'd to go over in a Boat from Monkton. We had very little talk of any thing but comon matters.

Friday 8th. The Waters being now fallen and the Weather good, Watty set out again to Marlborough and I and my Housekeeper were very privately at Home all the Day.

Munday 11th. I tarri'd at Home all the Day expecting Mr. John Norris yet fail'd of his Company, the Mr. Methuen and Cap<sup>t</sup>. Selfe came by his own appointment to meet him and were with me 'till between 7 & 8.

Tuesday 12th. In the Evening Peggy return'd from Bath and Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Norris came to make us a Visit.

Wednesday 13th. Mr. John Norris din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us and on my sending to Beanacre to desire Bro. Selfe, his Son, and Son in Law, to come hither in the Afternoon, we had in Answer that Mr. Thresher was there and therefore they would have us come to them w<sup>ch</sup>. accordingly was perform'd and we tarri'd till after eight.

Thursday 14th. Mr. John Norris left me this Morning afterwards I went to Nonsuch to Dinner, being invited to eat Venison. The Company were Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen, Capt<sup>n</sup>. Jacob Selfe and Sir William Hanham who is indeed at Home there, and the Mast<sup>r</sup>. of the House and Mr. Selfe of Broomham, I came home by Nine.

Sunday 17th. Mr. Hunter our Curate preach'd this Afternoon, on y<sup>e</sup> former part of the 17th Verse of the 12 Cap. of the Epistle to the Romans, after Sermon I was an Hour with Mr. Jacob Selfe where was also the Beanace Family.

Munday 18. My two Girles went to Trowbridge, so that I was left at Home alone, had I not been entertain'd by my Mowers and Mrs. Sheppard came here in Business.

Tuesday 19th. After Dinner I rode to Rhoteridge and call'd on Mr. Mawkes to see a Horse he has to sell, and from thence was at the Vestry concerning the high-Ways, afterwards w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jacob Selfe and Mr. Jeremy Awdry at J<sup>no</sup>. Beavens an Hour or more.

Wednesday, 20th. As we were at Dinner Isaac Church of Beanacre came to me in Business. Afterwards I went to my Tenant Hillman of . . . . .

Thursday 21st. This day I was at Nonsuch when Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanhams 3<sup>d</sup>. Son was baptiz'd, his Name was Thomas: Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen, and Mrs. Rolt being the Sureties. Mr. Rolt and two strangers with him and Mr. John Norris with Sister Selfe and Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jacob, besides Mr. Selfe the Rector and the Family of the House made up the Company, and we left the place in good order at halfe an hour after eight.

Friday 22nd. After Dinner I went to Mr. Webb's of Farley, the Report being that his House had been search'd for Armes, at my coming there I found one Mr. Gibbs that is Mayor of Westbury and a Farmer that had taken part of Mr. Webb's Estate and Mr. Webb told me the Day before Mr. Ducket had been there with a Warrant sign'd by himself, Mr. Montague, and Mr. Long of Rowdon three Justices and Deputy Lieutenants to search. Mr. Ducket come in a very civil Manner and so behav'd himself whilst there, he is also a Collonel of the Militia. The ground of this Matter was that one J<sup>no</sup>. Taylor, a Woolcomber of Melkesham made Oath before Mr. Montague that he heard another Person, viz: one Ealy that is a Cloath worker also in this Parish say that he saw armes enough for 500 Men in Mr. Webb's House. We had some Talk w<sup>th</sup>. Pleasure of the Matter and I return'd in the Evening. It is to be noted that the Government has had some Notice of Plots or Conspiracies now or lately on Foot and so has ordered all the Forces to encamp in several Places, as in Hide-park, by Salisbury, on Hounslow-heath, near Hungerford, and in our Neighbourhood by Chippenham in several small Encampments.

Munday 25th. In the Afternoon I had w<sup>th</sup>. me Mr. Alexander Seymour and Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Houlton 'till the Evening.

Tuesday 26th. Until about 3 afternoon I very diligently attended my Haymakers when Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jacob Selfe and Simon Crane came and tarri'd 'till Evening.

Thursday 28th. After Dinner I went with Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen and Mr. Norris who was accidentally at Beanacre to Mr. Talbots, Mr. Vesey an Irish Clergyman was with him when we came in, but did not stay long: we were w<sup>th</sup>. the Gent. about 2 Hours and return'd to our respective Homes.

Saturday 30th. Mr. Simon Crane was the only person y<sup>t</sup>. was with us this Day, who call'd in the Evening as he came from Bath, and was with us an Hour or two.

Sunday, July 1st. Our Curate preach'd this Afternoon on the last Verse of the 13th of St. Marks Gospel the Sermon ended I with Bro. Selfe, his Son and Son-in-Law went to Mr. Jacob Selfe's, where we tarri'd an Hour or two.

Tuesday 3rd. I went with Peggy and Bet. to dine with Mr. Harrington the Parson of Kington, where we were very civilly entertain'd and had much Musick, our return was in the Evening.

Wednesday 4th. Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen and Mr. Norris and their Spouses being at Cole-Park, I went thither this Morning and din'd w<sup>th</sup>. them and return'd to my own Home about ten where I found my Tenant Paine from Kinnerly, and heard Mr. Goddard of Swindon had been here, but by reason of my Absence did not stay above two Hours.

Thursday 5th. I was all the Day at Home with my Tenant, having much Discourse with him concerning some Dispute between S<sup>r</sup>. J<sup>no</sup>. Bridgeman and him of a piece of comonable Land lying near Kinnerley, whether in that Parish or K ..... in which is S<sup>r</sup>. J<sup>no</sup>'s. Manor.

Saturday 7th. After Dinner I rode to Rhoteridge being somewhat disorder'd with a Cold, almost meerly to take the Air, at my Return call'd on Mr. Fox who is lately come from Bath, and as he supposes much better for the Waters there, and Spent about an hour with him.

Sunday 8th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Verse of the 32 Psalm of the reading Translation, where we attended, and at our coming home found there Mrs. Spackman of Bristol, who is now a Widow, her husband Mr. Spackman our Kinsman being lately dead. She din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us & tarri'd 'till the Evening.

Tuesday 10th. Mr. Harrington the Minister of Kington, his Bro. the Doc<sup>tr</sup>., Mr. Harrison of Bath, and Mr. Harrington's Wife din'd with us, afterwards Bro. Selfe was here and Ladies of his Family, and Priest the Organist of Bath came in; all but the last left us in the Evening.

Wednesday 11th. I made a visit to my Mother at Bath and in my Return call'd at Mr. Norris's at Bath Easton, who not being at Home, did not alight no more y<sup>n</sup>. I din'd at Monkton Farley.

Thursday 12th. Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen, Capt. Jacob and the Ladies of that Family din'd with us, and Priest the Organist: we sat together all the Afternoon and had Musick with which the Company seem'd to be well pleas'd.

Friday 13th I din'd this Day at J<sup>no</sup>. Beavens by Appointm<sup>t</sup>. with Mr. Seymour, his Bro. Alexander, Mr. Talbot, Bro. Selfe, Mr. Methuen and Mr. Norris, afterwards came in Mr. Horton of Broughton, Mr. Ambrose Awdry of Chippenham and Mr. Jacob Selfe, we all tarried 'till Evening and drank too much Punch, &c.

Saturday 14th. My Coz. Nicholas's Son and Daught<sup>r</sup>. came just before Dinner, the latter is to stay some time with us, but he went hence about five. [Cf: p. 63.]

Sunday 15th. Mr. Hunter preach'd this Afternoon on the latter part of the 14 Verse of the 14 of Proverbs.

Munday 16th. Notwithstanding the Fair I had no Company save Mr. Sadlier of the Devizes, that din'd w<sup>th</sup>. us. My Mother's Tenant at Somerford also call'd here in the Evening.

Wednesday 18th. After Dinner I went to Chippenham in Business, which having dispatch'd with Mr. Warne and Mr. Johnson and coming to take my Horse at the white-heart, Mr. Rolt came to me and had me up into a Room where was his Ladie and some others. My stay was not more than a q<sup>tr</sup>. of an Hour and I made the best of my Way Home. Mary Baker came to us in y<sup>e</sup> place of Mary our upper Maid who went off this Day. She is to have £3 5s. pr. an.

Thursday 19th. Will Smith of Froome call'd here in the Morning as he was going to Whetham to speak w<sup>th</sup>. a Gent there who came back with him, and both an Hour or more, the Person that came with Smith his Name is Needham: After they went away which was about 4 I went to Beanacre and was there in Company with Bro. Selfe, his Son-in-Law and Son Jacob, and Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melkesham 'till ten.

Saturday 21st. Priest the Organist was the only person with us of Strangers besides Miss Nicholas y<sup>t</sup>. has been here some time.

Sunday 22nd. Mr. Fox preach'd this Morning on the 19 Verse of the 18th of Genesis. We all attended there.

Munday 23rd. Miss Nicholas's Bro. came and din'd with us, and in the Evening both went home together.

Tuesday 24th. My Coach went to Bath for my Mother who came to us about 5 in pretty good Health.

Wednesday 25th. Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham, Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melkesham, Mr. Fox and his Curate din'd with us on Venison w<sup>ch</sup>. my Mother brought with her from Doc<sup>tr</sup>. Cheyne as a Presant, we all sat together 'till the Evening very soberly, by mistake in not mentioning Munday's Transactions the abovemention'd Scrawl was made I being somewhat out of order and trobled with a Boil on my Cheeke, was but little in this Place where I usually set down these Notes the Morning following the first thing I do.

Thursday 26th. I din'd at J<sup>no</sup>. Beavens with the Gent. mention'd the 13th Instant, and was also with us Mr. Lewis the Solicitor, and Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham and Mr. Jacob Selfe after Dinner this being now an Establish'd Club. I came away with Sr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham and Mr. Norris whose Wives din'd at my House, and they call'd on them there in there Way to Bath-Easton.

Saturday 28, Mr. Lewis the Solicitor and Priest the Organist of Bath din'd with us, afterwards Bro. Selfe was here to see my Mother, left us in the Evening and Mr. Rolt sent me a Piece of Venison.

Sunday 29th. Mr. Fox preach'd this Afternoon on the 5th Comandment taken out of the 20th Chap<sup>tr</sup>. of Exodus.

Wednesday, August 1st. My Mother being very much offend'd with me went to Beanacre before Dinner, but as I think her Anger does not proceed from any just Cause I cannot but be the less concern'd for my Actings, tho' I cannot but be very much trobled to have such Discontents arise with a Person whose Happiness I heartily desire. In the Afternoon again I went out a setting, but as yet have found no sport.

Thursday, 2nd Aug. After Dinner I went to Beanacre to see and Welcome home Mr. Lucas Selfe, and Mr. Wallis, who have been abroad for these 14 months past, travelling thro' Holland, the lower part of Germany to Rome and Naples, and several other Places in Italy; they safely came to Beanacre last night, very little as I can see alter'd as to their Looks or Behaviour. My stay was 'till ten, Mr. Norris and Sr. William Hanham, Mr. Flower and another Gent. being also there, the 2 first only 'till about 5.

Friday 3rd. I din'd at Beanacre w<sup>th</sup>. the Gent. that have been the Travellers Mr. Methuen and Mr. Jacob Selfe, besides the Family of the House, my Family, Mrs. Methuen and Miss Harvey: afterwards Tho. Gale was w<sup>th</sup>. us some time, Young Tho. Beaven and Priest of Bath, the latter stay'd but very little time and came to my House: we were treated with Punch and other Liquors, and I think not much to Excess.

Saturday 4th. The Day was spent at Home: Priest left us in the Afternoon and in the Evening my Son John came (with the Messenger that went Yesterday for him) from Oxford: he is grown in Stature but how much improved in Understanding some further Conversation must discover.

Munday 6th. I went by Invitation to Lucknam to dine on Venison with the Gentleman lately arriv'd there. Bro. Selfe, his Son Jacob, Mr. Goddard of Rudly, Harvey of Calne the Lawer, made the whole Company, and a Clergyman in the neighbourhood nam'd Tayler. Afterwards Mr. Lewis the Parson of Cullern came in, and two Gent. of Bristol, the one a Clergyman whose name is Rogers, the other's name I have forgotten: the two last with those that din'd, except Mr. Harvey, Mr. Tayler and Mr. Goddard tarri'd all night. My Mother return'd to Bath this Day being good part of y<sup>e</sup> time She was here very Angry.

Thursday 9th. I din'd at John Beavens, being the Day of meeting of several Gent. by appointment, viz. S<sup>r</sup>. Wm. Hanham, S<sup>r</sup>. James Long, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Talbot, Mr. J<sup>ao</sup>. Thresher, Mr. Methuen, Bro. Selfe, Mr. Norris, Mr. Horton and Mr. Amb. Awdry, of Chippenham, Mr. Jacob Selfe was with us after Dinner. Some Discourse we had of some few mean Persons being taken up for conspiring against the Government, &c., but the chief talk was of accidental Subjects, most part of the Company tarri'd till after Sun-set.

Friday 10th. My Bro. Selfe having Venison sent him, made Invitation to Mr. Norris, S<sup>r</sup>. Wm. Hanham, Mr. Thresher, Jun<sup>r</sup>., Mr. Jacob Selfe, Mr. Brewer the Lawyer, and my Son John, who all din'd with him, and most part of the Company tarri'd till Nine or after I think without any Disorder.

Tuesday 14th. I was invited to dine with Mr. Talbot, where also din'd Mr. Norris and S<sup>r</sup>. William Hanham; my Bro. Selfe also was expected there but did not come, so Mr. Sadlington made up the Company and all tarri'd till Evening.

Thursday 16th. A little before Dinner, young Will. Whitchurch my Kinsman of Frome, came to see us and tarri'd the Night.

Friday 17th. There being a petty Sessions held this Day at Trowbridge; I din'd there with the two Justices, Methuen and Cooper, and Mr. Highland of Bradford, made the whole Company. My Business was to complain of the Badness of the high-ways, and I tarri'd till about 7, and at my coming Home found Priest the Organist, with the Gent. last mention'd.

Munday 20th. After Dinner I and John went to Bro. Selfe's by Invitation, where we met Mr. Talbot, Mr. Wallis, and Mr. Lucas Selfe; likewise Mr. Selfe of Broomham was with us. We tarri'd 'till near ten without any Disorder.

Tuesday 21st. This Afternoon I went to see Mr. Seymour, who not being at Home call'd on Mr. Awdry, and tarri'd w<sup>th</sup>. him and his son till Evening.

Thursday 23rd. I din'd at J<sup>no</sup>. Beavens with the Gent. last mention'd; at our meeting there except Mr. Seymour, and in whose place were Mr. Wallis and Mr. Lucas Selfe, we were scarcely so good Husbands as last time, almost all tarrying 'till near Nine, but without talking of publick Matters, any more then of the comon News Papers.

Friday 24th. Mr. Wallis, Mr. Lucas Selfe, Bro. Selfe and his son Jacob, Mr. Norris and Mr. Jacob Selfe of Melkesham, din'd with me, and all but Mr. Norris tarried 'till after ten—and this Day I delivered to Mr. Wallis his Will, sealed up as it lay in my Hands ever since before he travell'd—I deliver'd the same in the presence of Mr. Lucas Selfe.

Munday 3rd. Mr. Goddard at Rudlow, and his Wife, and Joseph youngest Son to Mrs. Houlton din'd with us, and afterwards we had the Company of Mr. Jacob Selfe, with us 'till Six, when all went off.

Thursday 6th. This Day I din'd with Eight of the Gent. last mention'd, and Mr. Seymour that was not with us last meeting.

What we had of publick Matters was of the Bishop of Rochester, his being committed to the Tower for high Treason. And of King George and his Son the Prince, their coming to Sarum to review the Soldiers that have encamp'd there some time passed, and others from several parts, that were drawn to the same place for that Purpose, &c. We stay'd till near Nine, and drank a little too much.

Munday 10th. I with my Son John and two Daughters, about 11, set out for Littleton to my Coz. Smiths, and came there about 4: beside them selves, were there that Evening my Kinsman Robert Smith, and Miss Bennet, Sister to my Coz. Smith's Wife.

Tuesday 11th. After Breakfast we were out a Coursing 'till about 2; and at our Return found Young Bennet, Bro. to her above mention'd, who din'd with us and tarri'd till about 11; at Night, a Fidler being procur'd, the Young People had a Dance.

Wednesday 12th. By agreement we all except Mr. Bennet, went to see Longleat, which is indeed a noble old seat, the Gardens modern and fine; at our Return we by Appointment din'd with our Kinsman Will. Whitchurch, where we were very handsomely entertain'd, and came to Littleton about 9. The Son of the Gentleman where we din'd being with us.

Friday 14th. After Breakfast we came homeward and call'd at Mr. Methuen's of Bradford, where we stay'd about 2 Hours, and came home in the Evening, all well except my Selfe, who have had ever since our setting out on the journy a Stoppage in my Head and Deafness that has been troublesom to me but give the Almighty thanks at my now writing, 'tis pretty well over.

Tuesday 18th. Mr. Bisce and his Daughter din'd with us and tarri'd 'till about five.

Thursday 20th. This being the Day of meeting of the Gent. at Melkesham, I din'd with eight of those before mention'd but left them soon after on Mr. John Norris's coming to my House, where he din'd w<sup>th</sup>. his Mother, own Spouse and Lady Hanham, and in the Evening S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Hanham came from Melkesham to us.

Saturday 22nd. Those above-named tarried with us 'till about 4 this Afternoon and then went off for Nonsuch: John return'd from Bath this Evening.

Wednesday 26th. Betsy went to Bath in the Chariot w<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Avery.\*

Monday, Oct<sup>br</sup>. 1st. Having no Company, about 3 I walked to Bro. Selfe's where was besides his own Family, Mr. Ash, late of Woolly, and Mr. Methuen, and Tho. Gale: my Stay there was about 2 Hours.

Tuesday 2nd. My Coz. Whitchurch's eldest Daughter came here about 2 this afternoon with intent to stay w<sup>th</sup>. us some Days: and in the afternoon also Mr. Horton, of Broughton was here with Miss Bennet, and his own Daughter: likewise Mr. Hunter our Curate was here.

Thursday 4th. In the Afternoon I went to Broughton to Mr. Horton's with my young Family with me, and tarrying 'till the Evening w<sup>th</sup>. the Mas<sup>tr</sup>. of the House. Mr. Hunter, our Curate, and Mr. Mawkes, Miss Horton, and Miss Bennet, came to Shaw with my Daughter and Miss Whitchurch.

Sunday 7th. We this Day attended Mr. Hunter's Sermon, the Afternoon, on the 6 Verse of y<sup>e</sup> 6th of St. Matthew, and afterwards was at Mr. Guppy's for an Hour w<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Selfe, his son Jacob, and young Somner of Seend.

Munday 8th. Both my Sons left me this Morning, the one for Oxford and the other for Marlborough. We had no Company this Day.

Tuesday 9th. About the middle of the Day I had a Servant from Mr. Wallis at Beanacre to desire me to come there: so accordingly at 4 I went, and found him there, and Mr. Lucas Selfe and one Rolphe, a noted Anatomist, and also was with them one Aland of Trowbridge, I think a Lawer that marri'd a Relation of Sister Selfes: the last mention'd did not stay long, and I left them about eight.

Wednesday 10th. After Dinner the Gentlemen above mention'd from Beanacre visitte me, and Mr. Jacob Selfe from Melkesham: they tarri'd till ten or after.

Thursday 11th. This Day was our Club Dinner at Melkesham, the number there was twelve, viz: ten of our Neighbours; and the Lord Castlehaven, and Mr. Rolphe before mention'd. We all tarri'd till pretty late, and drank much Punch and October, but amongst it had but very little talk of Publick Matters, which indeed is purposely avoided. Some mention was made of the Parliam<sup>t</sup>, y<sup>t</sup>. met Tuesday last, and what was like to be done by them.

Friday 12th. I was at home with my Labourers all the Day, neither having nor being fit for Company or Business thro. Yesterday's ill Doings, which require pardon from the Almighty and Mercifull Being.

Saturday 13th. Mr. Hunter preach'd this Morning on the 17th Verse of the 3<sup>d</sup>. Chap<sup>r</sup>. of Ecclesiastes; at our Return from Church, found Mrs. Spackman of Bristol, who left us in y<sup>e</sup> Evening.

Munday 15th. Capt<sup>n</sup>. Selfe call'd on me in the Morning by appoint<sup>t</sup>. and we went to Mr. Horton's of Broughton, who was just before gone with Mr. Lucas Selfe, Mr. Wallis, and the Professor of Anatomy to Holt Wells, where we came to them, and after tasting the Waters there, went to do the like at a Well of Mr. Horton's by Broughton-Wood, and so to Dinner with that Gent. where my Daughter Peggy was before with Miss Bennet and Miss Horton. She stay'd all Night and I till near ten. We had also Mr. Seymour and Mr. Webb with us at Dinner; the former of the two left us before Night. What news was talk'd of was of the Parliament and the King's Speech to them on Thursday last.

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\*Dr. Avery's second wife, her maiden name Glover.

Wednesday 17th. After Dinner I went to Mr. Webb's of Farley, and was with him till the Evening. Mr. White the Minister of the Parish being with us some time.

Friday 19th. Being invited to dine with Mr. Wallis, I went to Lucknam with Capt. Jacob Selfe; the Company besides were Mr. Webb of Farley, Mr. Horton of Broughton, Mr. Goddard of Rudley who came accidentally, and Mr. Rolfe before mention'd. I tarri'd there all Night without any intemperance, more than sitting up after my customary time. We had some talk of the K<sup>t</sup>. Speech and Address of y<sup>e</sup> Lords, at the opening of the new Parliam<sup>t</sup>. the imprison'd Lords and the Suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act, now on foot or done, &c.

Munday 22nd. In the Evening Stephen Longman, a poor old man of Marlborough was here to make me a Visit as he does to several that were cotemporary Scholars at Marlborough.

Friday 26th. I din'd with Mr. Cooper, Methuen, our Justices, at their petty Sessions at Bradford, there were some others at Dinner with them. My Business particularly was concerning the highways to have them amended, this Session being for that Purpose; we tarri'd after the Business of the Day was over some time, which made it Nine or after before I came home. We there had the News of the Duke of Norfolk's being seiz'd at Bath by Messengers from the Government on Act. of the late Conspiracy said to have been form'd against it, the Habeas Corpus now being suspended.

Wednesday 31st. I went to Bath to see my Mother: in y<sup>e</sup> Evening we visittd Mrs. Panton and Mrs. Crane.

Thursday, Novr. 1st. I made my Breakfast with Mrs. Panton, and din'd with Doctr. Cheyne: there was with us besides his own Family, some little time one Robinson, that keeps the 3 tunns Inn, in Bath: the Evening was spent with my Mother, not after a very pleasant Manner.

Saturday, Nov. 3rd. After Dinner I met my Bro. Selfe at Melkesham to consult with him of sending some Freeholders to the Election for the County, w<sup>ch</sup>. is to be on Tuesday next: there were w<sup>th</sup>. us several Persons and we tarri'd till about eight talking of little else but the Matter we went about.

Munday 5th. After Breakfast I went in Company with Capt. Selfe, Mr. Kington, and several more of our Neighbours to Sarum; and after visitting Doctr. Wyat and Aunt Selfe, I supp'd and spent the Evening with the two Gent. above nam'd, Mr. Mountjoy and Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Guppy.

Tuesday 6th. Wee broak-fast at our Inn the Blew-boar, and paid our Respects to Mr. Goddard the Candidate, the Morning being wet; about 11 we set out for Wilton where was an Opposition, and so made no Stay there, but came homeward thrô. very bad Weather to Lavington, and baited there, and from thence home about 6 or after; the Weather still continueing Stormy, so that I was really tired.

Thursday 8th. I din'd at J<sup>no</sup>. Beavens w<sup>th</sup>. six of our usual Club, there being but 7 in the whole: Mr. Talbot, S<sup>r</sup>. William Hanham, Mr. Norris, Bro. Selfe and Son Jacob, and Mr. Horton: we all tarri'd 'till Nine, and had Discourse of the late Election, the proceedings of the Parliam<sup>t</sup>., and particularly of the Hardship design'd against the Roman Catholics and non Jurors (as 'tis said) in the land-tax Bill now depending.

Tuesday 20th. About 3 this Afternoon, Mr. Rolt and his Ladie with Mr. Norris and Lady Hanham in the Coach with them, made us an unexpected Visit for about an Hour and halfe, time and bad Ways not permitting longer Stay.

Wednesday 21st. By appointment w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seymour when here, I went early this Morning to have hunted w<sup>th</sup>. him, but he came not to the Place, but by accident met with Mr. Webb, and afterwards we both by as much accident with Mr. Harding's Hounds, and tarri'd with them some Hours without any Diversion, save the Benefit of fair Day; at my coming Home, Edward Lewis of Broughton was here an Hour or more.

Thursday 22nd. I went to the Devizes to see my Coz. Nicholas, who is ill and has been so some time. I din'd there and did not goe from the House 'till I came away about 3, and call'd on Horse-back at Mr. Seymours in my Way Home thrō. much Rain.

Saturday 24th. By reason of some Pains in my Head and some other illnesses that have at some certain times attended me as Dizziness and sometimes a kind of Numbness in my Toes and Fingers, Mr. Allen the Apothecary of Devizes come to me about twelve and took some Blood which I trust in y<sup>e</sup> Almighty be of Service to me, being the first time I ever had the Tryal.

Sunday 25th. The Sermon by Mr. Hunter was on the 23rd Verse of the 19th of Proverbs this Morning. The rest of the Day was spent in some Degree as it ought I hope.

Munday 26th. After Dinner I went to Bro. Selfe's by Appointm<sup>t</sup>, where I met, besides his own Family, Mr. Jacob Selfe and Mr. J<sup>no</sup>. Guppy, and some time was there by Accident, young Tho. Beaven, of Melkesham, when we had Discourse of the Hardship of the late Vote of the H. of Commons, viz: £100,000 should be rais'd on Roman Catholicks and non-jurors over and above the Sum already by them paid of double taxes; which will certainly be to the Utter Ruin of many. We also had talk of the late Tryal of Mr. Layer, who was convicted of high treason.

Tuesday 27th. I walk'd this Morning, being frosty to Broad's the Stone-Cutter, near Bath, to see a Monument he has just finish'd to be put up in Memory of my Dear Spouse and Children, and call'd at Jaggards in my Return where I din'd and tarri'd 2 or 3 Hours and came home in the Evening weary enough.

Friday 30th. My Coz. J<sup>no</sup>. Nicholas, now the eldest Son of my Cozen Nicholas of Devizes, came in as we were at Dinner [cf: p. 63]; he had some Business with me relating to the Disposition his Father who is in a very weak Condition, has made of his Estate; after staying an Hour or more he left me, and I walk'd to Melkesham to see a Monument that is setting up to the Memory of my Dear and never to be forgotten Spouse, and also call'd at Mr. Long's my Ten<sup>t</sup>. in some Business.

Wednesday 5th. We went out a hunting this Morning, but had but little sport.

Thursday 6th. I din'd at J<sup>no</sup>. Beavens with six other Gent., and stay'd till a late hour, as well as drank to much. Our Discourse of publick Matters was not much; what was of Councillor Layer's Tryal and Behaviour who now is under Sentence of Death for treasonable Practices against the Government, and of the Proceedings of the Parliament, &c.

Friday 7th. I met Mr. Seymour a hunting this Morn., where we tarri'd 'till about one, having had a very pretty Chace: the remainder of the Day privately at Home.

Munday 10th. I din'd at Mr. Seymour's by Invitation with Mr. Talbot, Mr. Horton and Capt. Selt, beside their own Family, and tarri'd till near Nine but without any great Excess of Drinking. We had not much Talk of publick Matters. At my coming Home I found Mrs. Jenkens, the Sister of the Vicar of Frome, here, and Watty from School.

Friday 14th. I din'd with Mr. Methuen where my Daug<sup>tr</sup>. is, and in the Evening had Mr. Thresher and Mr. Rogers the Clergy-man with us; however I came home between ten and eleven.

Munday 17th. Peggy return'd from Bradford; her Sister went in the Morning to fetch her, and both escap'd of Danger very narrowly, the Coach-man being drunk.

Friday 21st. The poor people were with us for the small Dole we usually give on this Day, they are indeed very Numerous in this Parish and much increas'd in Numbers since my time, and much Misery I fear is among them, the Greatest part of it thrô (it is to be doubted) their own Laziness and vicious Lives, which truely in many of them seem to be not far remov'd from what is natural and unavoidable to the dumb Creatures. The Consideration of which and of the yet Gentile part of the World is what is not by me to be comprehended, and must therefore be left, with true Acknowledgement that God is Wise, just and Merciful.

Saturday 22nd. Young Scot of the Ivey came this Day for Mrs. Jenkins, w<sup>th</sup>. whom She went before Dinner, and indeed Ben Scot's Son, of Chippenham was on y<sup>e</sup> same Errand Yesterday.

Tuesday 25th. Xmas-Day. Mr. Hunter preach'd on the 10th & 11th Verses of 2nd Chap<sup>tr</sup>. of St. Luke's Gospel. Mr. Fox also was at Church, and assisted at the Communion Table: he came from Bath the Day before, I think not much better'd in his Health.

Wednesday 26th. We had according to Custom some of our Neighbours and Tenants wth us at Dinner: about 3 I went to y<sup>e</sup> Vestry to see the Ac<sup>t</sup>s. of the Surveyors of the high-Ways w<sup>ch</sup>. appear'd to be very confused and unfair. So did not tarry long there, but return'd to my Neighbours at Home, who all left me between Nine and ten without any Disorder.

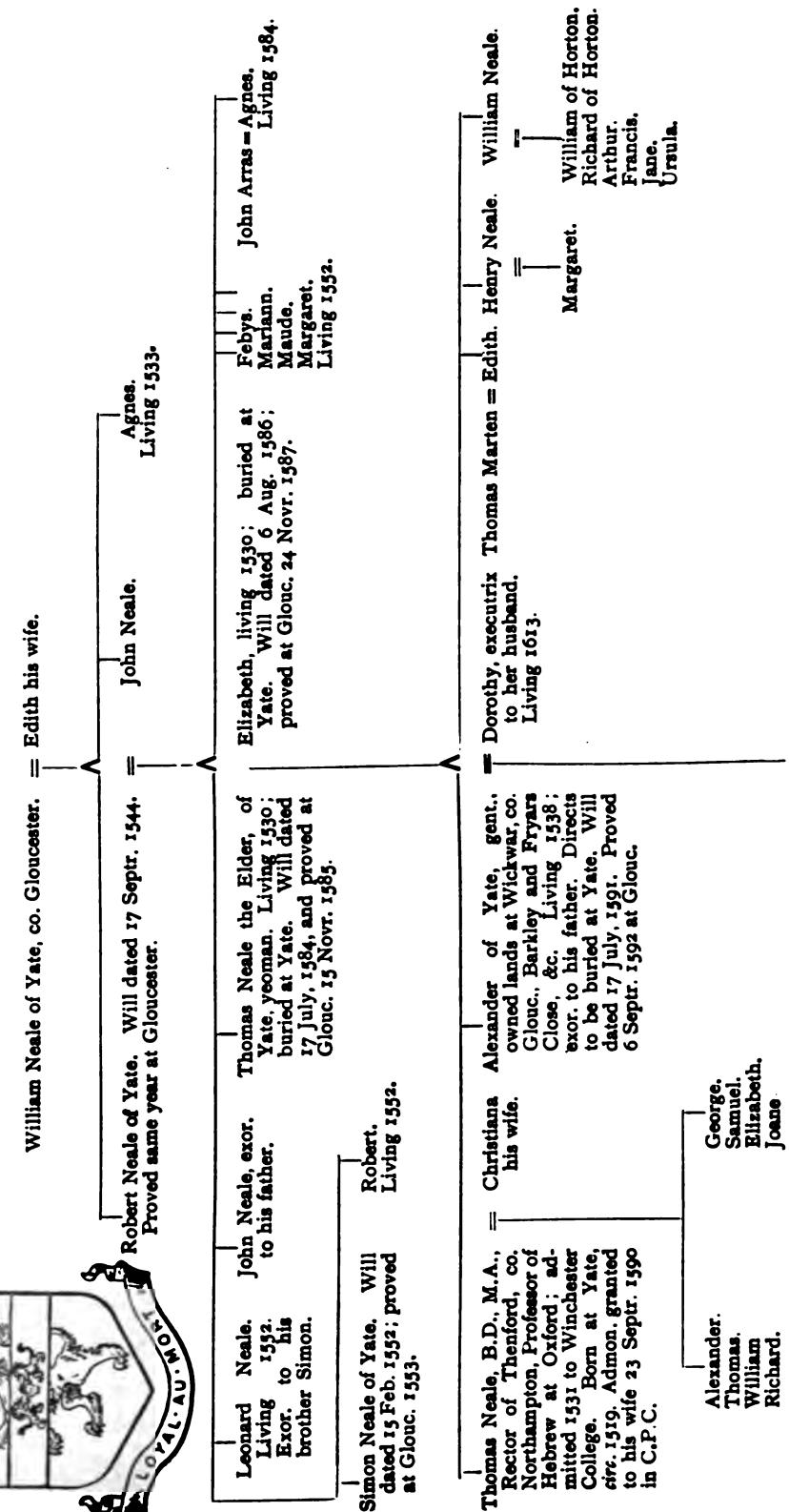
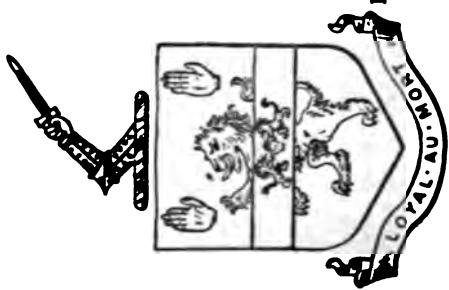
Saturday 29th. I was at Home all the Day w<sup>th</sup>out Company save Edward Lewis of Broughton that was a Coursing with my Sons.

Munday 31st. My Daugh<sup>tr</sup>. Bet. went in the Coach to Bath and return'd in the Evening with my Mother, who seems yet to be in no good Disposition towards me, and the first Evening past but ruggedly. I wish the rest may be more smooth, or my Comfort will be but small. Deline (?) my Mother's Tenant was here in y<sup>e</sup> Morning.

The Diary here ends abruptly, and the writer, whose decaying health has been frequently alluded to, died 21st July, 1723.

## APPENDIX E.

AMENDED PEDIGREE REGISTERED AT THE HERALDS' COLLEGE (1891).  
(cf. pp. 38-39 and 67-92.)



Robert Neale. Living 1591 and 1613. Exor. to his father.	Thomas Neale of Berkley and Friars Close. Died 9th Novr. 1612. Will dated 5 Novr. 1612 : proved at Glouc 1613. Inq. p.m. 15 March, 1613-14.	Margaret Fenley. Living 1613.	Christopher Neale of Cromhall Mills. Living 1591.	Henry Neale of Hawkesbury, co. Glouc. Overseer to his brother Thomas' will. Living 1591 and 1613.	Samuel Neale of Weston Birt, co. Glouc. Living 1591 and 1613.
Mary. Sarah. [William Linke].	Elizabeth married Dorothy [Robert] Lawford.	Thomas Neale of Yate. Born 1588. Living 1612.	Bavnham of the House of Weabury and Cleerwell, co. Glouc.	Alexander Neale, exor. to his father. Living 1612.	Thomas Barkley Neale. Living 1612.
John Neale of Yate, a younger son. Will dated 13 March, 1687. Proved at Glouc. April, 1688. Buried at Yate 21 March, 1687.	Mary, executrix to her husband's will	Robert Neale of Yate. Born 1617.	Priscilla, daur. of the family of Green of Milton Clivedon, co. Somerset. Married circa 1650 Living 1682.	Martha, daughter of John Smith of Newton in the parish of Forthampton, co. Glouc. Married 21 January, 1681-2. Buried 20 July, 1692.	Sarah, eldest daur. of William Arnold of Corham by Jane his wife, daur. of William Gibbons of Corham. Born there 3 or 4 Sept. 1679. Married 26 Decr. 1704, in the Church of St. Mary of the Devises. Died 4 June, 1745. Buried at Corham.
(For the descendants of this John Neale of Yate see p. 212.)					
Thomas Neale. Mary his wife. = Richard Neale. Living 14 Sept. 1703.	Robert Neale of Yate. Born there 1651. Buried at the Friends' Burial Place, Chipping Sodbury, co. Glouc. 18 Octr. 1703. Will dated 14 Decr. 1703; proved in C.P.C. 15 January, 1703-4.	Martha, daughter of John Smith of Newton in the parish of Forthampton, co. Glouc. Married 21 January, 1681-2. Buried 20 July, 1692.			
Elizabeth. Born 25 Jan. 1692. Married Charles Ireland, merchant of Bristol; had two sons, Harry and Charles, who died unmarried about 1735 and 1738.	Robert Neale of Yate and of Corham. Born 29 Feb. 1687. Died unmarried circa 1690.	Robert Neale of Yate. Born 12 Novr. 1682. Died in London 10 Decr. 1733. Buried at Corham.			

**Robert Neale of Corham and of Shaw House** In the Commission of the Peace for co. Wilts. Representative in two Parliaments for the borough of Wootton Bassett, Wilts. Born at Corham 21 May, 1706. Will dated 21 Decr. 1774; proved 11 Septbr. 1776 in C.P.C.

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Elizabeth Smith, heir to her brother John. Born 24 Sept. 1701. Married at Cullerne, co. Wilts, 3 Novr. 1735. Died Octr. 1771, aged 70, and first buried at Corsham and afterwards removed to vault in Great Chalfield Church, Wilts. (For her descent from Smith of Froome Zellwood see p 214.)

William Neale. Born 5 Feb. 1707-8. Died 5 Octr. 1722. Buried at Corsham.

**Robert Neale of Shaw House in Mellisham.** In the Commission of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for Wilts; only surviving son and heir apparent, born at Corsham 25 Novr. 1736. Died 23 and buried at Great Chalfield 30 March, 1774.

James Neale. Born 8 Decr. 1709. Died 27 Augt. 1734. Buried at Corsham.

Grace, daur. and heir of Gwin Goldstone of London, merchant (only son of Edward Goldstone of Goldstone, Salop) by Grace, eldest daughter of George Duckett of Hartham, Wilts. Married at St. Clement Danes, co. Middlesex, 26 July, 1770. Living 1775. She married secondly Sir George Jackson, who assumed the surname of Duckett. Died 12 March, 1798. Buried at Trinity Chapel, Grosvenor Square.

**Sir Harry Burrard Neale** (formerly Sir Harry Burrard) of Wilhampton, co. Southampton, Baronet, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Admiral of the White. Representative in Parliament for Lymington, co. Southampton Received the thanks of the Admiralty for distinguished conduct. By Royal License dated 8 April, 1795, he was authorized to take and use the additional surname and Arms of Neale. Died S.P.<sup>15</sup> Feb. 1840, when an Obelisk was erected to his memory by H.M. Queen Adelaide and others. [Arms of Neale with crest of Neale and Burrard.]

Thomas Neale. Born 10 May, 1712. Died 21 March, 1728. Buried at Corsham.

Elizabeth. Born 7 May, 1743. Died 18 Decr. 1757. Buried at Corham; afterwards removed to Great Chalfield.

William Neale. Born 20 May, 1738. Buried at Corham; afterwards removed to Great Chalfield.

Lydia Frances, second daughter and co-heir, born 23 Jan. 1773. Married Henry Gawler of Lincoln's Inn. Buried in Cathedral Church of Bristol 18 March, 1814.

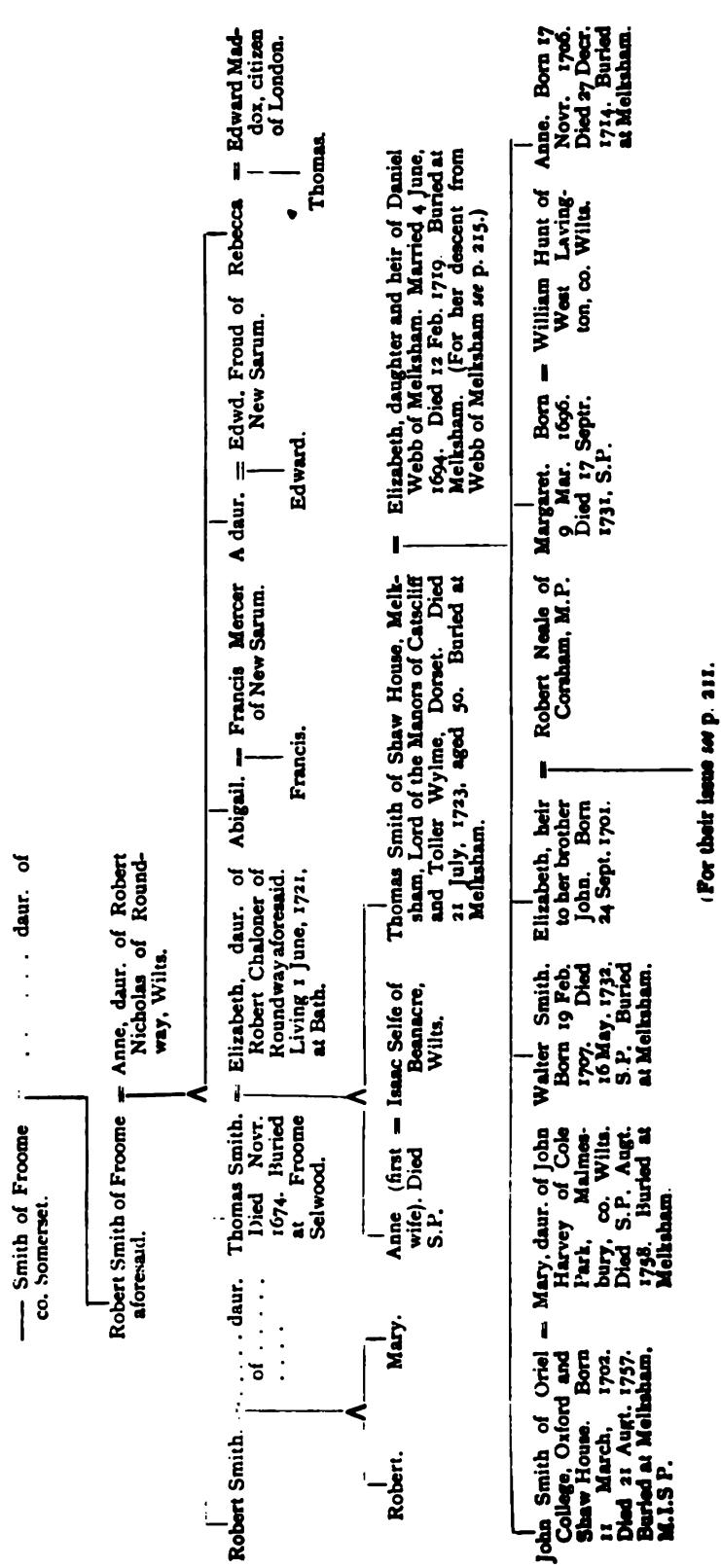
DESCENT FROM JOHN NEALE OF YATE (YOUNGER BROTHER OF ROBERT NEALE BORN 1617).  
 (cf. pp. 15-16 and 76-79.)

John Neale of Yate, a younger son. Will dated 13 March, 1687; proved at Gloucester 26 April, 1688. Buried at Yate 21 March, 1687. (Cf. p. 210.)	Mary, executrix to her husband's will.	Mary, executrix to her husband's will.
John Neale of Yate, only son. Living 1687 and 1700. Buried at Yate 14 June, 1727.	Hester died unmarried. Will dated 21 Jan. 1700; proved at Gloucester, 17 May 1701.	Martha.
John Neale of Yate. Bapt. at Yate 4 Aug. 1678. Will proved 13 Jan. 1765. At Gloucester. Buried at Yate 31 Decr. 1761.	Sarah Batten of Yate. Married 13 Feb. 1734-5 at Yate.	William Neale of Wimborne. Bapt. at Yate 30 Oct. 1680. Died before 1762; buried at Yate.
John Neale. Bapt. at Yate 11 Nov. 1739. Married Mary Cole of Yate 5 May, 1762, at Yate.	Benjamin Neale of Yate. Bapt. 2 July, 1738, at Yate. Buried there 22 May, 1800. Will proved 1 June, 1801, at Gloucester.	Gabriel Neale of Yate, yeoman. Bapt. at Yate 17 June, 1684. Buried there 17 July, 1731. Will dated 11 July, 1731; proved at Gloucester, 7 Aug. 1731.
Robert Neale. Bapt. at Yate 16 Sept. 1767.	John Neale of Yate and afterwards of Berkeley co. Gloucester. Bapt. at Yate 20 Feb. 1762. Buried there 21 July, 1842.	Nancy Corbet. Married at St. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, 6 May, 1784. Buried at Yate 21 March, 1838, aged 70.
John Corbett Neale of Yate and afterwards of Wickwar, co. Gloucester. Born 1 Aug. 1792. Died 20 May, 1853. Buried at Yate 4 June, 1853.	Tryphosa Corbett of Yale. Married there by license 7 Decr. 1816; buried there 26 May, 1874, aged 78.	Edward.   Gabriel.   Richard.   Mauric.   Gabriel.
		Mary.   Elizabeth.   Elizabeth.   Sarah.

Robert Neale of Yate and of Corsham, born 1 May, 1819. Died 5 and buried at Yate 11 May, 1878.	Ann, only daughter of John Roberts of Chipping Sodbury, co. Glouc. Born 2 March, 1844. Mar- ried at St. Peter and St. Paul's, Bath, 2 March, 1844. Liv- ing 1889.	Jonathan, Bapt. Alfred, Lieut. Jonathan Cor- Matilda Cor- in the Royal bet. Bapt. Novr. 1821. Navy. Bapt. bet. Bapt. Died 15 July, at Yate 18 1830. Mar. 1827. Mar. 1827. Died 22 and buried at Barbadoes Novr. 1852.
Robert Rufus Neale of Clarkesville, Tennessee, U.S.	John Alexander Neale of Yate and Corsham, D.C.L. of the Univer- sity of Oxford.	Benjamin Gabriel Neale of Redland, Bristol.

DESCENT OF ELIZABETH (WIFE OF ROBERT OF CORSHAM, M.P.) FROM SMITH OF FROOME ZELLWOOD,  
CO SOMERSET.

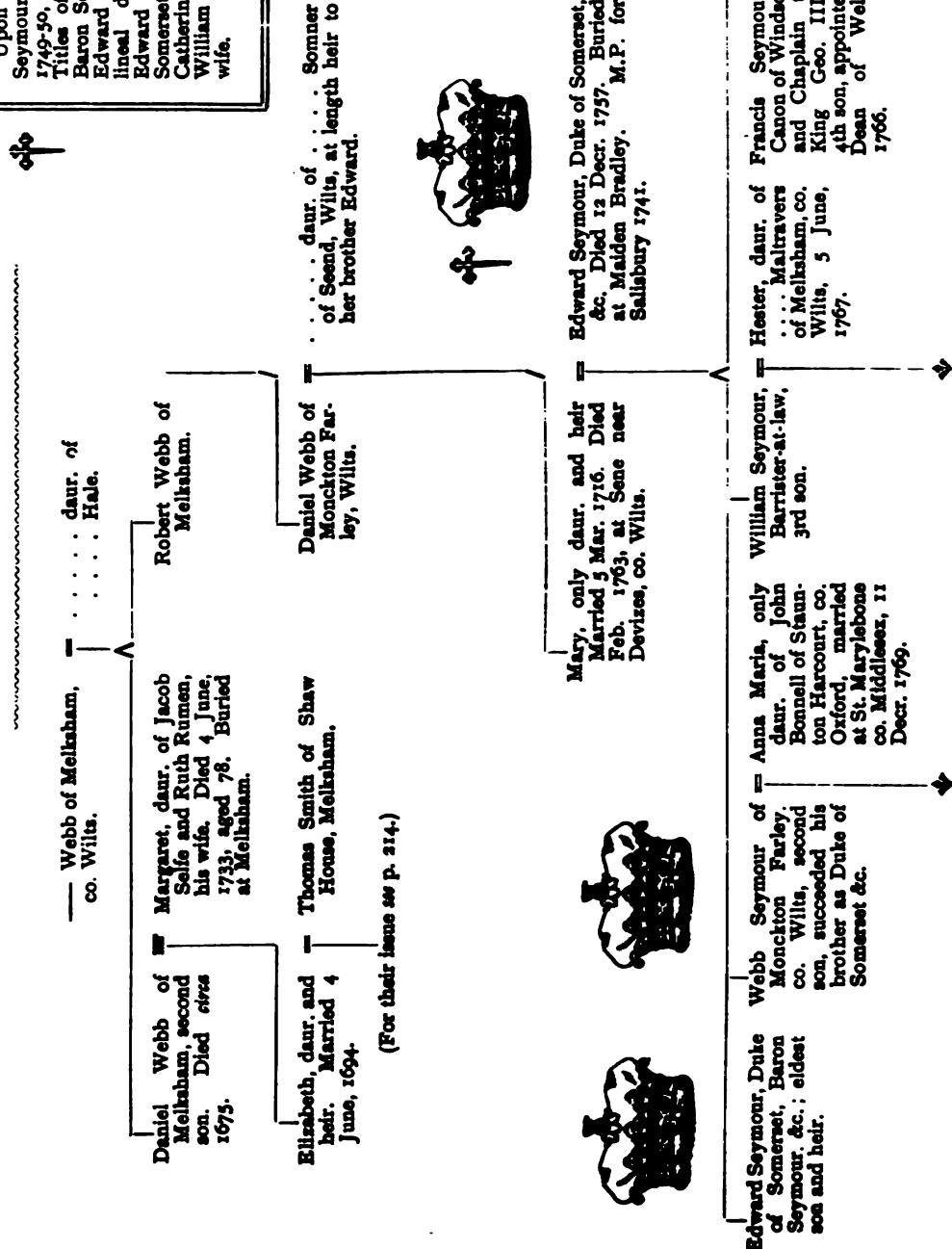
(cf: pp 54-63 and 84-89.)



DESCENT OF ELIZABETH (WEBB), WIFE OF THOMAS SMITH OF SHAW HOUSE,  
FROM WEBB OF MELKSHAM.

(cf.: pp. 54-63 and 84-89.)

Upon the decease of Algernon Seymour Duke of Somerset, 7 Feb. 1749-50, without issue Male, the Titles of Duke of Somerset and Baron Seymour devolved upon Sir Edward Seymour Baronet as the lineal descendant and heir of Edward Seymour 1st Duke of Somerset, "the Protector," by Catherine daur. and heir of Sir William Filloj, Knight; his first wife.



## NEALES OF YATE AND CORSHAM.

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BURKE'S NOTICE OF THE LINEAGE OF THE FAMILY IS AS  
FOLLOWS:—

This family was settled at Berkeley, co. Gloucester, at a very early period, and the name appears frequently in the Charters preserved at Berkeley Castle from *circa* 1150 onwards, either as landowners or witnesses to important transactions. They were a branch of the Danish family of the name, who were settled in St. Sauveur and Coutances to the North of Brittany in the 10th century. In the early Norman and Berkeley Charters the Latin form of the name is "Nigellus," which became in Norman-French "Neel"; and by subsequent use in England underwent further corruption into "Neale," and other forms. It seems clear from the Berkeley Charters that the Neales of Berkeley were descendants of Nigellus, son of Arthur, who married Aldena, daughter of Robert Fitzhardinge, the Reeve or Steward of Bristol, who founded the Abbey of St. Augustine there, and built Berkeley Castle, and to whom Henry II. granted the Manor of Berkeley Hernesse in return for his great services and support against Stephen. It also seems clear from the same Charters and otherwise that this Nigel was a near kinsman of Nigel de Albini, Baron Mowbray in Leicestershire, the great benefactor (*temp. Henry II.*) of the Priory Church of St. Marie Overie (St. Saviour's) Southwark, and the descendant of Roger of Montbrai (or Mowbray), in the Cotentin, the brother of Geoffrey de Mowbray, Bishop of Coutances, both of whom came over with William, Geoffrey later on building the Castle and the outer walls of Bristol. There is little doubt that this same Nigel was of the family of Roger de Berchelai to whom William granted the Manor and Barony of Berkeley. Of the later Neales of *Berkeley*, the person of chief note is Friar John Neell, the Master of the Hospital of St. Thomas, of Acon (St. Thomas à Becket, of Acre), from 1428-63, which hospital upon the dissolution of monastic foundations by Henry VIII. passed into the hands of the Mercers' Company. This John Neell was the most distinguished of the Masters of the Hospital, having obtained an Act of Parliament for its incorporation in 1444 (*see Berkeley Castle Charters and John Watney's History of the Mercers' Company*). About 1500,

William Neale, from whom the present pedigree is traced, had settled at Yate, co. Gloucester, since which time the family have continuously held lands and resided at Yate and in the adjoining parish of Wickwar. Of the Neales of *Yate*, William Neale was one of Her Majesty's Auditors in 1582; but the most distinguished member of the family at this period was Thomas Neale, Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford, son of Thomas Neale and Elizabeth Belsire, who was born *circa* 1519 at Yate Court, where the Berkeleys took up their residence the following year. He became Chaplain to Bonner, and his chief works were (1) "Dialogus in adventum serenissimæ Reginæ Elizabethæ gratulatorius, inter eandem Reginam et D. Rob. Dudlœum Comitem Lecestriæ et Ox. Acad. Cancellarium"; (2) *Commentarii Rabbi Davidis Kimchi in Haggæum, Zachariam et Malachiam prophetes ex Hebraico idiomate in Latinum Sermonem traducti*" (Paris 1557, dedicated to Cardinal Pole); (3) A translation of all the prophets out of the Hebrew; (4) A translation of "Commentarii Rabbi Davidis Kimchi super Hoseam," &c. (dedicated to Queen Elizabeth). This Thomas Neale the Divine purchased in 1587 the Manor Place of Wixoldbury, contiguous to Yate Court, which property now belongs to the present John Alexander Neale. His mother's brother, Alexander Belsire, of Yate, was appointed one of the first six Prebendaries of the Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford, and was the first President of St. John's Coll. Oxford.



## APPENDIX F.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES.

p. 60. John 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Lucas was brother of the distinguished Royalist Cavalry leader Sir Charles Lucas, Knight, who served through the Civil War, was Governor of Berkeley Castle during the winter of 1644, was appointed Lieutenant General of all the King's Cavalry in 1645 and conducted the memorable defence of Colchester in 1648 against the forces of Fairfax and Ireton.

p. 85. Robert Chaloner of Roundway (1666).—The library of Gray's Inn, for which at a later date Bacon did so much, is first mentioned in the Will of Robert Chaloner dated 1555, in which he ordered that all his law books devised to the Inn should be fastened by chains.

p. 92. John Bellenden Gawler was senior Captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Life Guards in 1793. By the influence of his mother and at the instance of William 7<sup>th</sup> Baron Bellenden and 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Roxburgh he was licensed by the King on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1804 to take the name of Ker Bellenden (*see* Charter 157), but he was invariably known as Bellenden Ker. The Duke in his lifetime endeavoured to divert the succession in his favour and entailed his estates on him; but upon the Duke's death in 1805 Ker's claim to the title became the subject of protracted litigation, and it was eventually set aside by the House of Lords in 1812. He died at Ramridge, near Andover, in 1842. The celebrated portrait of 'The Schoolboys' was sold for a very large price in 1887. He was distinguished as a botanist and wit.

His son, Charles Henry Bellenden Ker, of Lincoln's Inn (cf: Charter 163) was a Parliamentary and Legal reformer and a distinguished conveyancer. He was a member of the Public Records Commission, a Commissioner to report on digesting the criminal and consolidating the statute law, and he was head of the Board and Commission whose action led to the revised edition of the Statutes and to the Criminal Law Acts, 1861. Ker also suggested and prepared the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act of 1856 and Lord Cranworth's Act of 1860, finally superseded by the Conveyancing and Settled Land Acts, which were modelled upon Ker's work. He was recorder of Andover for some years. He, like his father, was an ardent botanist and was one of the first private growers of orchids. He helped to promote the establishment of the Department of Science and Art, to which, as well as to law, he was deeply devoted.

p. 94. James le Botiler (Ch. 24), 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Ormonde, was called the White Earl and esteemed for his learning. He prevailed upon Henry V. to create a King-of-Arms in Ireland and gave lands for ever to the Heralds' College.

p. 101. Master Rede (Ch. 88).—Mention of John Rede of Culerne and John Rede of Hunston, Sussex, among the scholars of Winchester will be found at p. 28. A brass of J. Rede (1521) is preserved in the Chapel of New College, Oxford: and the Library at Merton College, the most interesting ancient Library in England,

founded and built by William Rede, Bishop of Chichester, about 1380 (the year of the foundation of New College and of Winchester College) is a standing monument to the memory of that pious man.

p. 107. Lancelot Shadwell of Lincoln's Inn (Ch. 150) was the father of the very distinguished Vice-Chancellor of the same name.

p. 107. James Mansfield (Charter 151) appeared for the Duchess of Kingston on her trial for bigamy in 1776, and as Solicitor General was engaged in the prosecution of Lord George Gordon in 1780.

p. 110. Earl of Drumlanrig (Record 187) was Charles, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Queensberry and Catherine d. of Henry Earl of Clarendon and Rochester, a lady to whose rare wit and beauty Gay and Prior amply testified. He was elected M.P. for Dumfries.

Lord Hyde, Thomas Villiers, was created Baron Hyde of Hindon, co. Wilts, and afterwards advanced to the Earldom of Clarendon.

p. 111. Thomas Smith (Charter 195) may have been the Thomas Smith (or Smythe) of Corsham (b. 1522), who was ancestor of the Viscounts Strangfords and Barons of Penshurst of Penshurst, Kent. This Thomas was 2<sup>nd</sup> son of John Smythe, Esqr. of Corsham, temp. Henry VIII., who m. Joan d. of Robert Brouncker of Melksham and died 1538. Corsham Court was built by the Smythes, who resided there until it was bought by the Hungerfords of Farleigh in 1602.

p. 112. Thomas and Robert Colborne, Clothiers, of Laycock, Wilts, (Charters 203—209) bear the same surname as the distinguished Field Marshal, John 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Seaton, whose descent is traced from John Colborne of Lymington, descendant of the Colbornes of Whity Hill, Lydford, Somerset: but the connection of the two families has not been traced.

p. 116. Sir Edward Hungerford (Ch. 248) was the Roundhead leader then residing at Corsham Court, purchased by his family in 1602 from the Smythes.

p. 116. The Honbl<sup>e</sup>. Mary Montague of Lackham (Ch. 250) was d. of Sir Robert Baynard of Lackham and the widow of James, 3<sup>rd</sup> son of the first Baron Montagu, Earl of Manchester. His brother Walter Montagu retired into a Monastery in France, was a special favourite of Mary de Medicis, was appointed by her Abbot of St. Martin's Abbey, near Pontoise in the Diocese of Rouen, was of her Cabinet Council and the chief instrument of introducing Cardinal Mazarin to the Queen Mother.

p. 116. Sir John Talbot (Ch. 258) was grandson of John Talbot who settled at Laycock about 1500 through his marriage with Olive, daughter of Sir Henry Sharrington of Lacock: and the second son of that marriage is the ancestor of the present Earl of Shrewsbury.

p. 118. Sir Thomas Mompesson, Knight, and John Mompesson, kinsmen of Sir Robert Button (Charter 277), would appear to be the two brothers of the notorious Sir Giles Mompesson (1584-1651). They were sons of Thomas Mompesson of Bathampton by Honor, d. of Giles Estcourt of Salisbury. Sir Giles Mompesson m. about 1612 Catherine St. John of Lydiard Tregooze, sister of Lady Edward Villiers, whose husband was half brother of George, Duke of Buckingham. He was on friendly terms with the first Earl of Clarendon, whom he employed. There is a monument in the S. aisle of Salisbury Cathedral to Sir Richard Mompesson (1627) and Catherine his wife.

p. 122. Francis Fane (Ch. 327) was the first Earl of Westmorland; and his son Mildmaye, mentioned in the following Charter (as well as in Charters 244—247) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl.

p. 124. Sir Hugh Wyndham (Ch. 353) was Baron of the Exchequer and afterwards one of the Justices of the Common Pleas. He was a grandson of Florence, sister and co-heir of Nicholas Wadham, founder of Wadham College, Oxford. He is also mentioned in Charter 106.

p. 124. Thomas Penruddock of Compton Chamberlayne (Ch. 354) was the last surviving son of Col. John Penruddock of Queen's College, Oxford, who was leader of the insurrection against Oliver Cromwell, proclaimed Charles II., seized Judge Robert Nicholas at Salisbury, and was afterwards beheaded in company with Col. Hugh Grove at Exeter on 16 May 1655. Thomas of the above Charter married Frances d. of John Hanham of Dean's Court, Dorset, and their eldest son married Lætitia daughter of William Ashe of Heytesbury.

p. 125. Denzil Onslow (Ch. 355) was uncle of the first Baron of Onslow.

p. 128. Samuel Bethell, Barton Farm, Bradford, 1764 (Charter 391) was probably the grandfather of Richard Bethell, Lord Chancellor and first Baron Westbury (cf: p. 46).

p. 131. Charter 427.—The beautiful upland villages of Wiltshire, Bishop's Cannings and All Cannings, planted on the margin of the spreading Downs, ever bathed with Heaven's most delicate air, a Goshen of corn and sheep and cattle, will for all time be memorable, not only as the home of Chaloners, Nicholas, Shelleys, Methuens, Ernles and other men of note, but as having bred the famous merchant princes of Bristol so honourably associated with the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe and the subject of miraculous Chatterton's song.

p. 134. Mr. Thurlow (Record 447) was doubtless Edward Thurlow, afterwards Lord Chancellor and first Baron Thurlow.

p. 135. Charter 452.—At the end of the S. aisle of Salisbury Cathedral there is an elaborate monument to Sir Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford, son of the Protector Somerset, and to his wife, the Lady Catherine Grey. There is also a fine bust of Lord Chief Justice Hyde (Ni. Hyde) in the S. transept.

Page 137. The John Methuen mentioned on this and the following pages (Ch. 487, 490—492) was the John Methuen of Bishop's Cannings who was M.P. for Devizes 1690—1706. He was appointed Chancellor of Ireland in 1697 and subsequently as Ambassador to Portugal concluded the well known 'Methuen Treaty.' He was the eldest son of Paul Methuen of Bradford and Bishop's Cannings, who married Grace Ashe, daughter of John Ashe of Freshford, Somerset (mentioned in Charters 482—485). This Paul was the heir of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Anthony Methuen, Canon of Lichfield and Vicar of Froome Selwood, and grandson of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Paul Methuen, Canon of Wells.

The above John Methuen of Bishop's Cannings had a son Sir Paul, who succeeded his father as M.P. for Devizes in 1708 and afterwards represented Brackley in Parliament (cf: p. 33). He died unmarried in 1757, leaving his collection of pictures to Paul Methuen of Corsham, who had settled there in 1746.

Paul of Bradford and Grace (née Ashe) had a second son Anthony of Bradford, who was father of the Thomas Methuen of Smith's Diary, and who married Gertrude, granddaughter of Sir John Bampfield, Bart. (cf: Bampfields, p. 141), and died in 1717.

Thomas the son of Anthony (of Smith's Diary) married Anne daughter of Isaac Selfe of Beanacre and died in 1737: and their son the above Paul of Corsham, M.P. for Warwick, was one of the trustees of the will of Robert Neale (the younger) of Shaw House (cf: Ch. 140). His son Paul Cobb of Corsham married a daughter of Sir Thomas Gooch, Bart., also of Beanacre: and he is mentioned in Charter 159.

The two Paul Methuens mentioned in Ch. 355 as witnesses to the will of John Hall of Kingston House, Bradford, in 1708 are evidently (1) Paul Methuen, a third son of Paul of Bradford and Grace (Ashe) his wife, and (2) their grandson Sir Paul Methuen (the Collector).

Through the marriage of Margery Ashe with Edmund Webb of Rodborne Cheney (Charters 487, 489—492) it will be seen that the Ashes, the Methuens and the A'Courts (as well as the Thackerays) all became connected with the famous fighting General, John Richmond Webb, who lies at Luggershall, of which they may be justly proud, if most of what is said of him be true: and a good deal concerning him (1704-1708) will be found in Thackeray's 'Esmond.'

p. 138. Houltons (Charters 494—496).—Farleigh Castle has been for a century and a half the property of this family.

p. 139. William, 4<sup>th</sup> Marquis of Winchester (Charter 510) sumptuously entertained Queen Elizabeth at Basing House, Southampton. He was succeeded in 1628 by John 5<sup>th</sup> Marquis (Charter 511). This John defended Basing when it was besieged and destroyed by the Parliamentarians at the commencement of the Civil War.

p. 140. Thomas Tregonwell (Charter 513) was directly descended from John Tregonwell, whom Henry VIII. employed in suing his divorce from Catharine of Aragon; and John his son and his wife, Lady Anne Beauchamp, were parties to the conveyance of the Manor of Tollar Wylme to Thomas Smith of Froome Selwood in 1664.

p. 140. John Pitt of Blandford St. Mary, Dorset, clerk, and Robert Pitt of Blandford Forum, gent. (Charters 514, 516, 517) would appear to have been brothers of Thomas Pitt of Blandford, Co. Dorset, who had 3 sons, Robert, Thomas and John, the eldest of whom, Robert, was father of William, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Chatham, and grandfather of the even more distinguished Prime Minister, William Pitt.

p. 140. William Stump of Corsham, Clothier (Charter 525).—On the dissolution of Monasteries by Henry VIII., Master Stumpe, a wealthy clothier, purchased the Abbey of Malmesbury of the King and turned the whole into a vast weaving factory. After the King had been hunting in Braydon Forest on one occasion he was entertained by this Stumpe at Malmesbury and served with the meal intended for the employees. This Master Stumpe may have been the William Stump to whom in 1576 Alexander Neale of Yate paid 160 marks of silver for lands in Hawkesbury, Shipton Moyne and Shipton Dovell (cf: Ch. 52 and 618).

p. 141. Ch. 538.—This and the following Charter, as well as Charters 544 and 548, are of singular interest. Hugh Grove of Chesenbury, Wilts, was Colonel Hugh Grove who joined in the insurrection with John Penruddock and was beheaded with him at Exeter on 16 May 1655 (cf: p. 220). He as well as his brother Robert appear as parties to the Assignment in Trust to Robert Smyth the elder and his two sons, dated 10 July 1654 (see Ch. 544); but in the Assignment in Trust to Robert Smith and his two sons, dated 1 June 1655 (only 16 days after Hugh Grove was beheaded), Robert Grove of Dunhead, Wilts, alone of the two

brothers appears as a party to that deed (*see Ch. 548*). By reference to p. 85 it will also be seen that the above Robert Smith, the grantee, married Ann daughter of Robert Nicholas of Roundway, who there can be little doubt was Robert Nicholas the judge who was seized at Salisbury by John Penruddock and Hugh Grove and was one of the judges who sat upon their trial at Exeter (cf: pp. 63 and 220).

This Nicholas is supposed to have been the person mentioned in the 'Spectator' (N<sup>o</sup>. 313) as having escaped a flogging at Westminster by the intervention of a schoolfellow, and as having saved the life of his benefactor who was implicated in Penruddock's rebellion.

Robert Smyth the Younger, mentioned in Charters 544 and 548, would appear to be the Robert Smyth mentioned in the 'Journal of the Movements of the Regiment of Wiltshire Militia commanded by Colonel Wyndham during Monmouth's Rebellion,' which states that on 25 June 1685 the Earl of Pembroke found Monmouth's Declaration set up in the Market house at Froome, which he took down and then set up the King's proclamation and made the Constable of Froome (Robert Smyth) proclaim Monmouth traitor; and Robert Smyth was brought prisoner by the Earl to Trowbridge; also that on July 1 and 7 some of the officers of the Wiltshire Regiment quartered at a house under the Tor at Glastonbury called Norwood Parke.

p. 145. John Duckett of Hartham (Ch. 584) was grandson of John, brother of Sir Lyonel Ducket, Knt., partner of Sir Thomas Gresham, and Lord Mayor of London in 1572.

p. 148. Charter 620.—This John Danvers would appear to be John (b. 1650) son of Sir John Danvers the regicide (3<sup>rd</sup> and youngest son of John Danvers of Dauntsey by Elizabeth, d. of John Nevill, last Lord Latimer) by his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Elizabeth Dauntsey. He was nephew therefore of Charles and Henry Danvers of Dauntsey, by whom Henry Long was shot at Corsham in 1594. Henry, the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Sir John of Dauntsey was partly bred up in the Low Countries under Maurice, Prince of Orange, and afterwards became the first Baron Dauntsey and Earl of Danby, K.G., and was the founder of the Physic Garden at Oxford. Through their mother Elizabeth the Earl and his brothers were related to the Nevilles, Latimers, Fitzalans and Willoughbys; and through their sister Elizabeth with the Dukes of Leeds, who are now also Earls of Danby.

p. 171. Robert Hyde was returned as member for Wilts on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1722, and Richard Goddard of Swindon was returned on 6<sup>th</sup> November following 'vice Hyde Esquire Decd.' : in March General John Richmond 'als.' Webb was returned for Ludgershall Borough, and in the same year no less than 5 Pitts for Sarum, all of them more or less we may suppose on their merits. 'Tis true that in those good old times Parliamentary Candidates freely bribed with monies of their own—not, as in our own incorruptible and more righteous age, broadcast with the goods of others—but then they were not as yet unfathomably base enough to say or hint the thing that is not and treasonably bespatter their motherland with dirt for party gain and self aggrandisement.

p. 206. The Blue (Blew) Boar, Salisbury.—In the yard of this Inn Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, was beheaded on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1483. The

following is a complete list of the Inns mentioned in Thomas Smith's Diary and visited by him in the years 1721-2 :—

Bath	...	...	The Three Tuns.
Broomham	...	...	The Bear.
Chippenham	...	...	The White Hart.
Glaston	...	...	The Rose and Crown.
London	...	...	The Angel, behind St. Clements.
"	...	...	The Bell Savage on Ludgate Hill.
"	...	...	The Cheshire Cheese, Arundel Street.
"	...	...	The Mitre Tavern, Fleet Street.
"	...	...	The Sign of the Dolphin, Ludgate Hill.
Marlborough	...	...	The Three Tuns.
Melksham	...	...	The George.
Reading	...	...	The Bear.
Sarum	...	...	The Angel.
"	...	...	The Blue Boar.

The names of seven Inns at Calne in 1635 will be found on p. 145.

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p. 18. Some of Neale's Latin Verses descriptive of Oxford Colleges, &c. follow these notes.

p. 21. With reference to the support given by Bishop Neale to Sir Francis Bacon, the Chancellor, in his adversity, it is curious to note that Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal under Elizabeth and the father of the Chancellor, married firstly Jane Fernley, and that Thomas Neale, the Tanner, of Berkeley, his contemporary, also married a lady of that name. Sir Nicholas and Lord Burleigh had been fellow students (with Matthew Parker) at Cambridge, and Sir Nicholas' second wife and Lord Burleigh's wife were sisters: and it has been noticed that Lord and Lady Burleigh were the patrons of Richard Neale. If Bishop Neale was, as is supposed, the son of Thomas the Divine, he was first cousin of Thomas Neale the Tanner who married Margaret Fernley; and it would be interesting if it could be shown that these two ladies of that name were related, in which case the connection of the Neales and Bacons by marriage would be established, and the close relations of Cecils, Bacons and Neales at that time would be explained. Sir Francis left us a legacy beyond all price: yet England of to-day in the bulk fatuously hugs her 'idols,' thoughtlessly spurns 'the divine image of truth,' lives and acts almost as if the giant thinker had never breathed or written, and unctuously prates of progress and civilization.

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SOME OF NEALE'S LATIN VERSES  
DESCRIPTIVE OF COLLEGES, &c.

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COLLEGIUM REGINALE.

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Huic itidem similis Pastor Robertus Eglisfild  
Reginæ munus donat & ipse suæ.  
Nam Reginalem quum Magnis sumptibus ædem  
Fundasset, vocat hanc (clara Philippa) tuam.  
Femina quo Musis nutrix, non dura noverca,  
Pergeret, & studiis Mater adesse pia.  
Cœpit sub Edwardo Tertio per Dominum Robertum Eglysfild,  
Sacellatum Dominæ Philippæ, uxoris ejusdem Edwardi, anno Domini 1340.

COLLEGIUM NOVUM.

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Proxima mox sequitur satis ampla frequensque studentum  
Turba, novi cætus nomen adepta diu.  
Turribus hæc altis toto micat æthere, raris  
Doctrinæ gemmis vitis onusta suis.  
Condidit hanc Præsul Guilielmus, in urbe Wykama  
Proles ter fausto sydere nata, Wykam.  
Cœpit sub Richardo secundo per Guilielmum de Wykham episcopum  
Wintoniensem, anno Domini 1375.

SCHOLA THEOLOGICA.

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Eminet, & mediæ fastigia suspicit urbis,  
Dux Humfrede, tuis sumptibus ista schola.  
Surgit in immensum turritis undique pinnis,  
Sectaque per pulchro marmore, quadra Domus.  
Splendida luminibus crebris laquearia fulgent,  
Artificumque nitent pendula saxa manu.  
Cœpit sub Henrico Sexto per Dominum Humfredum Ducem Glocestriæ,  
anno Domini 1447.

## COLLEGIUM MAGDALENENSE.

Nec minus est celebris domus ampla, dicata Mariæ,  
 Cujus sacra fidem Magdala castra docent,  
 Splendida munificum testantur tecta patronum,  
 Æmula splendoris digna, Wykame, tui.  
 Indidit hinc nomen Guilielmus Waynflet, alumnus  
 Unus & ipse gregis, magne Wykame, tui.  
 Cœpit sub Henrico Sexto per Guilielmum Waynflet episcopum  
 Wintoniensem, anno Domini 1459.

## ECCLESIA CHRISTI.

Prima stat australis Domus ampla, Ecclesia Christi,  
 Primo jam duplice nomine digna loco ;  
 Tum quia te, patremque tuum sit nacta patronum,  
 Tum quia sit reliquis auctior ista cohors.  
 Cœpta quidem Thomæ Wulsæi sumptibus olim,  
 Sed patris Henrici censibus aucta tui.  
 Cœpit sub Henrico Octavo, per Thomam Wulsæum Archiepiscopum  
 Eboracensem, Anno Domini 1529; absoluta est ab eodem Henrico octavo,  
 Anno Domini 1546.

## COLLEGIUM JOANNIS BAPTISTÆ.

Has Thomas Whitus, Londini gloria, raras  
 Mercator merces donat, emitque suis.  
 Qui Londinensi bis Prætor in urbe, superstes  
 Vivit adhuc, equitum non mediocre Decus.  
 Faxit ut ille diu vivat, valeatque superstes  
 Musis, ac demum cœlica regna petat.  
 Cœpit sub Maria Regina per Dominum Thomam White, ordinis  
 equestris militem inauratum, anno Domini 1557.

## CORRIGENDA.

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- p. 2. Line 8.—‘Goldstones of Goldstone, Salop,’ should be read for ‘Goldstones of London.’
- p. 18. Line 16.—‘(p. 167)’ should be read for ‘(p. 165).’
- p. 49. Line 30.—In place of ‘Jacob’ read ‘James’; also at p. 104, Charter 131.
- p. 85. Line 11.—‘Dorset’ should follow ‘Catscliffe.’
- p. 88. The List of Norris of Nonsuch needs revision. ‘William Norris’ should be read for ‘John Norris’ of Nonsuch, Bromham; and Elizabeth (Selfe) was w. of this William. They had a son, John, in addition to the 2 other children mentioned in the list. ‘William Norris’ should also be read for ‘John Norris’ in the previous list. There is a fine mural monument in Bromham Church to William Norris, set up by John Norris.
- p. 89. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ‘Margaret’ in the list of ‘Webbs’ should be struck out (cf.: p. 132), and the ‘particulars’ as to portrait transferred to Margaret, w. of Daniel.
- p. 106. Line 30.—‘Stanwell’ should be read for ‘Hanwell.’
- p. 111. Ch: 194.—Add after date:—[cf: Charters 204—206 and 620.]
- p. 112. Ch: 204.—Add after date:—[cf: Charters 194 and 620.]
- p. 124. Ch: 354.—There is a doubt if ‘John Wadham’ should be read for ‘John Wadman.’
- p. 144. Ch: 576.—‘Mells’ should be read for ‘Wells.’



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